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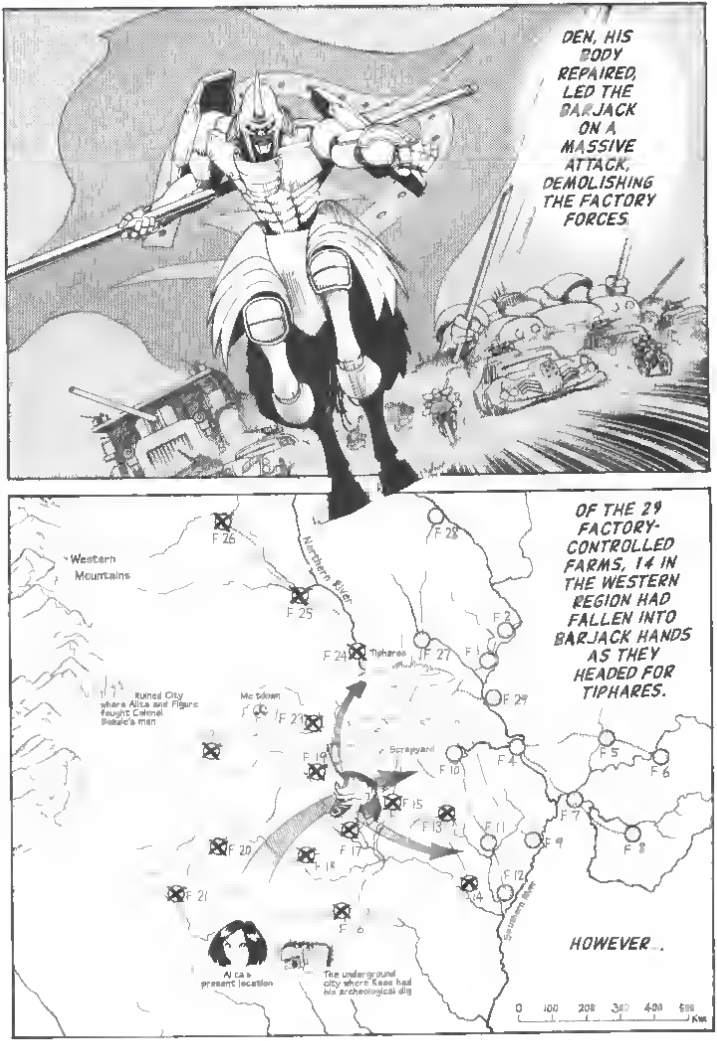
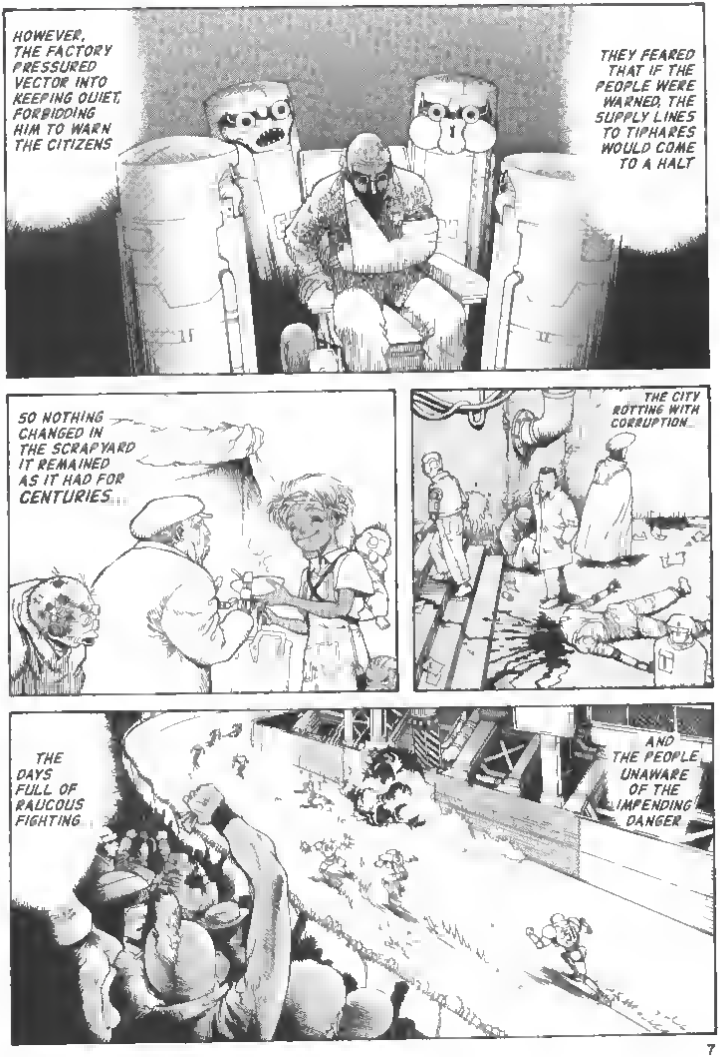
THE LAST BROADCAST

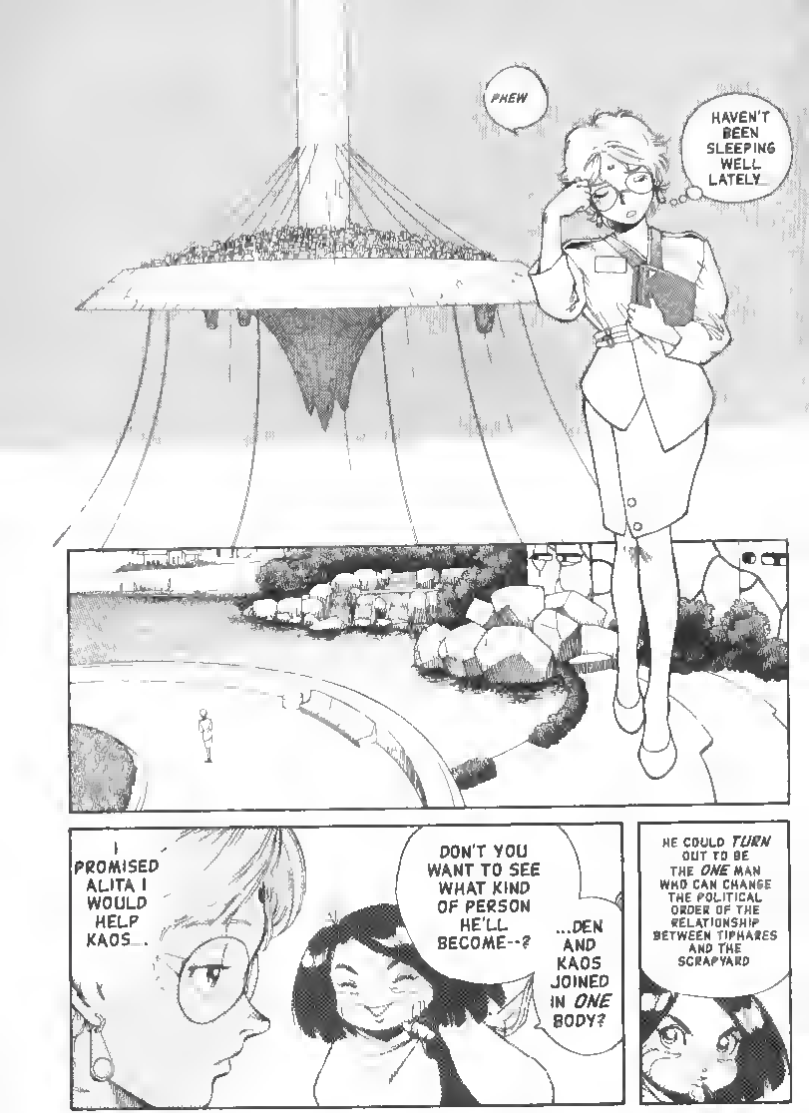
Fight 1: Promise

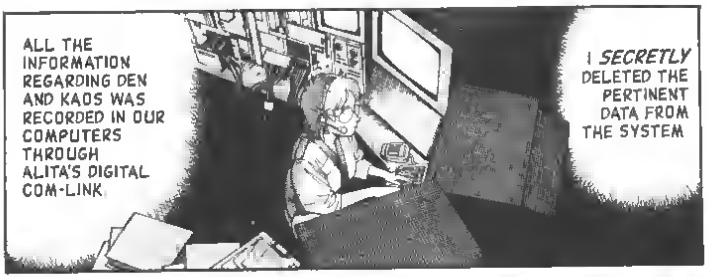

DEN, HIS BODY REPAIRED, LED THE BARJACK ON A MASSIVE ATTACK, DEMOLISHING THE FACTORY FORCES.
OF THE 29 FACTORY-CONTROLLED FARMS, 14 IN THE WESTERN REGION HAD FALLEN INTO BARJACK HANDS AS THEY HEADED FOR TIPHARES.
HOWEVER..
Western Mountains
Northern River
Tiphares
Ruined City where Alita and Figure fought Colonel Belado's men
Mo town
Scrapyard
Spillway River
Alita's present location
The underground city where Kaos had his archeological dig
0 100 200 300 400 500 Km

...THERE WAS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE BEHIND DEN'S EAGERNESS TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK.
KAOS NOW KNEW THAT DEN AND KAOS WERE OF ONE BODY. SHOULD KAOS'S FRAIL FORM BE KILLED, DEN WOULD ALSO DIE
WHY !?
IT'S BEEN TEN DAYS...
...WHY DOESN'T SHE KILL ME!?
DID THE WOMAN TAKE PITY ON KAOS...?
DURING THE BATTLE, A SCRAPYARD BROKER NAMED VECTOR ATTEMPTED TO ARRANGE A PEACE CONFERENCE AT FARM 15.
HE WAS MAKING A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO PROTECT HIS INTERESTS.

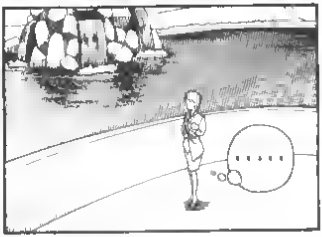
VECTOR TRIED EVERYTHING HE COULD TO REACH AN AGREEMENT..
BUT DEN WHO WANTED ONLY THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF TIPHARES, HAD NO INTEREST IN THE SCRAPYARD'S PROFIT MARGINS. THE NEGOTIATIONS ENDED ABRUPTLY.
KILL THEM.
BRATTA BRATTA
YO! HOLD IT!
OKAY, OLD MAN--I'LL HAVE YOU SPARED.
BUT...
IN RETURN, I WANT YOU TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF THE SCRAPYARD TO EVACUATE!
THAT WAY NO ONE GETS HURT WHEN TIPHARES FALLS!
O-OKAY...


HOWEVER, THE FACTORY PRESSURED VECTOR INTO KEEPING QUIET, FORBIDDING HIM TO WARN THE CITIZENS
THEY FEARED THAT IF THE PEOPLE WERE WARNED, THE SUPPLY LINES TO TIPHARES WOULD COME TO A HALT
SO NOTHING CHANGED IN THE SCRAPYARD IT REMAINED AS IT HAD FOR CENTURIES...
THE CITY ROTTING WITH CORRUPTION...
THE DAYS FULL OF RAUCOUS FIGHTING...
AND THE PEOPLE UNAWARE OF THE IMPENDING DANGER


PHEW
HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING WELL LATELY...
I PROMISED ALITA I WOULD HELP KAOS...
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE'LL BECOME--?
...DEN AND KAOS JOINED IN ONE BODY?
HE COULD TURN OUT TO BE THE ONE MAN WHO CAN CHANGE THE POLITICAL ORDER OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TIPHARES AND THE SCRAPYARD


ALL THE INFORMATION REGARDING DEN AND KAOS WAS RECORDED IN OUR COMPUTERS THROUGH ALITA'S DIGITAL COM-LINK.
I *SECRETLY* DELETED THE PERTINENT DATA FROM THE SYSTEM

IF THIS EVER GETS OUT, I'M IN *DEEP DOO-DOO!*
BUT I PROMISED ALITA--AND SHE'S MY *FRIEND.*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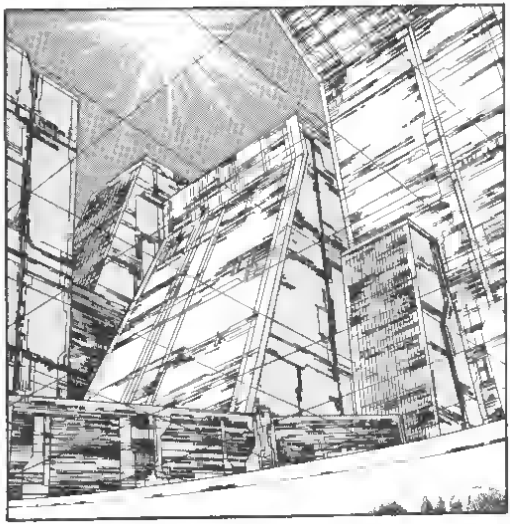

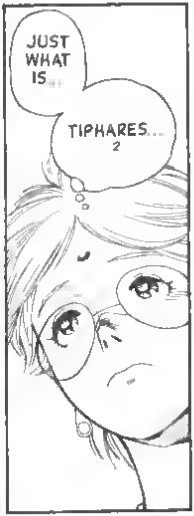
JUST WHAT IS...
TIPHARES...
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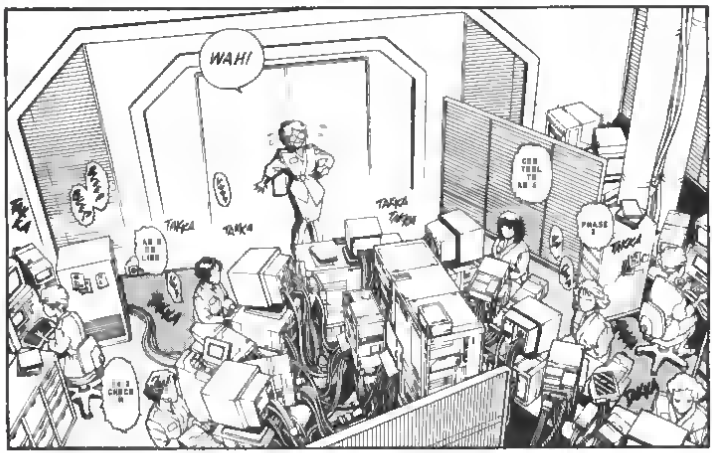
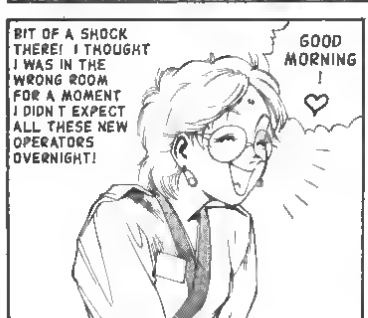
G.I.B.
CHK


WAH!
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA TAKKA
PHASE 2
TAKKA
DOWN


BIT OF A SHOCK THERE! I THOUGHT I WAS IN THE WRONG ROOM FOR A MOMENT I DIDN'T EXPECT ALL THESE NEW OPERATORS OVERNIGHT!
GOOD MORNING!

WH-WHAT'S WITH *HER* ATTITUDE!? THAT *REALLY* TICKS ME OFF!

H-HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT MY TERMINAL!?
HUH ?
UH-OH CAN IT BE . . ?
DID THEY FIND OUT I ALTERED THE DATA . . ?
WE'VE CHANGED THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS, MS. COLLINS
CH-CHIEF !
YOUR CONSOLE IS OVER IN THAT CORNER.
WHAAAAT?
A-G
GUESS THEY'RE NOT ON TO ME . .
BUT SOMETHING FEELS REALLY WRONG !
CHIEF! WHERE'S DR. RUSSELL . . ?
HE'S NO LONGER WITH THE G.B
!

PHEW
!

YOU KNOW...
TOING
I THINK PEOPLE *NEED* TO LIVE FOR ANOTHER PERSON.
EVERYONE WANTS A *REAL* FAMILY
PONK
PONK
PONK
AND YOU KNOW, KAOS
. . . . . .
YOU STILL ASLEEP
2

KAOS HAS NO REAL MEMORY OF FIGHTING ALITA AS DEN..

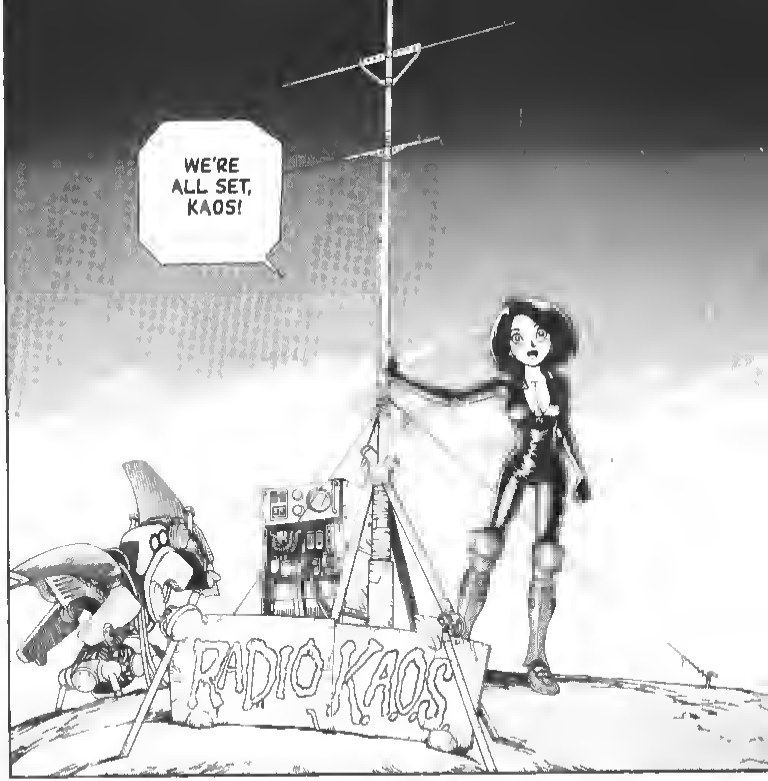
...BUT HIS PSYCHOMETRIC ABILITY REVEALED EVERYTHING TO HIM.

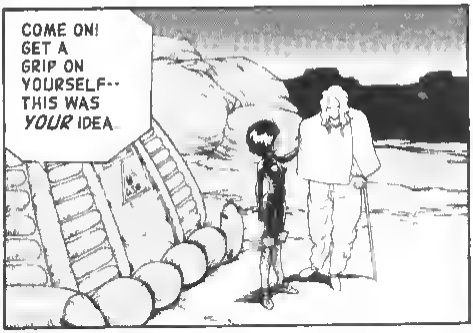
"I HAVE DEN INSIDE ME! I'M THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE DESTRUCTION- FOR THE DEATH OF JASMINE!"

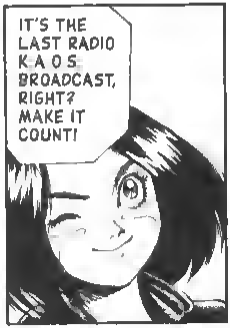
KAOS HAD BELIEVED THAT THE PLATE EMBEDDED IN HIS CHEST BY HIS FATHER DESTY NOVA, WAS A LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR HIS FRAIL BODY

...ONLY TO LEARN IT WAS THE INSTRUMENT WHICH RELEASED THE DEMON DEN INTO THE WORLD!

OH!

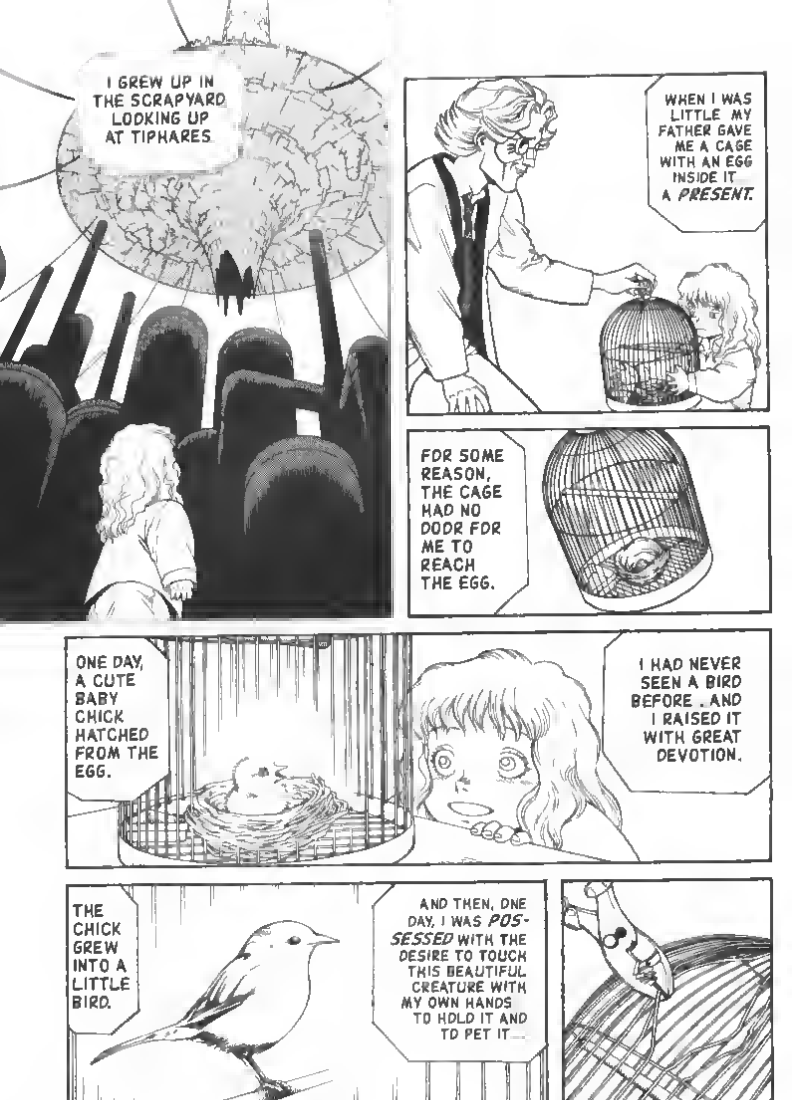

WE'RE ALL SET, KAOS!
RADIO K.A.O.S.

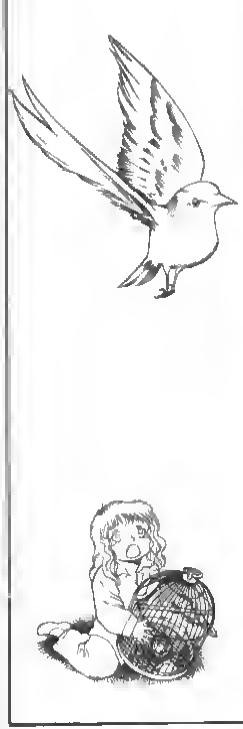

COME ON! GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF-- THIS WAS *YOUR* IDEA


IT'S THE LAST RADIO K.A.O.S. BROADCAST, RIGHT? MAKE IT COUNT!

OOMF
CHAKA
CHAKA
CHAKA
DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, ALITA?
HOPE SO
FOR ALITA AND LOU, THIS WAS A BIG GAMBLE. IF KAOS'S SENSE OF GUILT SHOULD CAUSE HIM TO REVEAL HIS SECRET ON THE AIR, ALL WOULD BE FOR NAUGHT.
THIS WOULD ALSO BE SUICIDAL FOR KAOS... IT WOULD MEAN LOSING HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL BATTLE WITH DEN
FOR THE LONGEST TIME, THE BROADCAST WAS HIS ONLY SPOTLIGHT. I HAVE TO BELIEVE IN HIS CONVICTION!
BUT IF HE SHOULD CHOOSE TO LOSE CONTROL OF HIMSELF,

...I'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM!
TH-THIS IS THE VOICE OF THE BADLANDS RADIO K.A.O.S.
FIRST OF ALL...I HAVE TO... APOLOGIZE TO ALL OF YOU OUT THERE...
...APOLOGIZE THAT I WAS NOTHING BUT A BYSTANDER WHOSE ONLY TALENT WAS ESCAPING REALITY AND AVOIDING TAKING A STAND.
UNTIL TODAY, I...I LIVED IN FEAR OF DIRTYING MY HANDS.


I GREW UP IN THE SCRAPYARD LOOKING UP AT TIPHARES.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE MY FATHER GAVE ME A CAGE WITH AN EGG INSIDE IT. A PRESENT.
FOR SOME REASON, THE CAGE HAD NO DOOR FOR ME TO REACH THE EGG.
ONE DAY, A CUTE BABY CHICK HATCHED FROM THE EGG.
I HAD NEVER SEEN A BIRD BEFORE . AND I RAISED IT WITH GREAT DEVOTION.
THE CHICK GREW INTO A LITTLE BIRD.
AND THEN, ONE DAY, I WAS POSSESSED WITH THE DESIRE TO TOUCH THIS BEAUTIFUL CREATURE WITH MY OWN HANDS TO HOLD IT AND TO PET IT...



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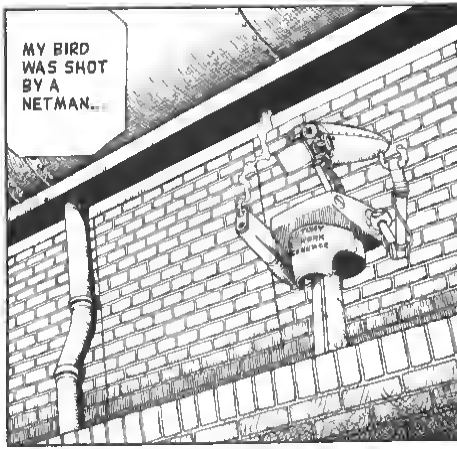
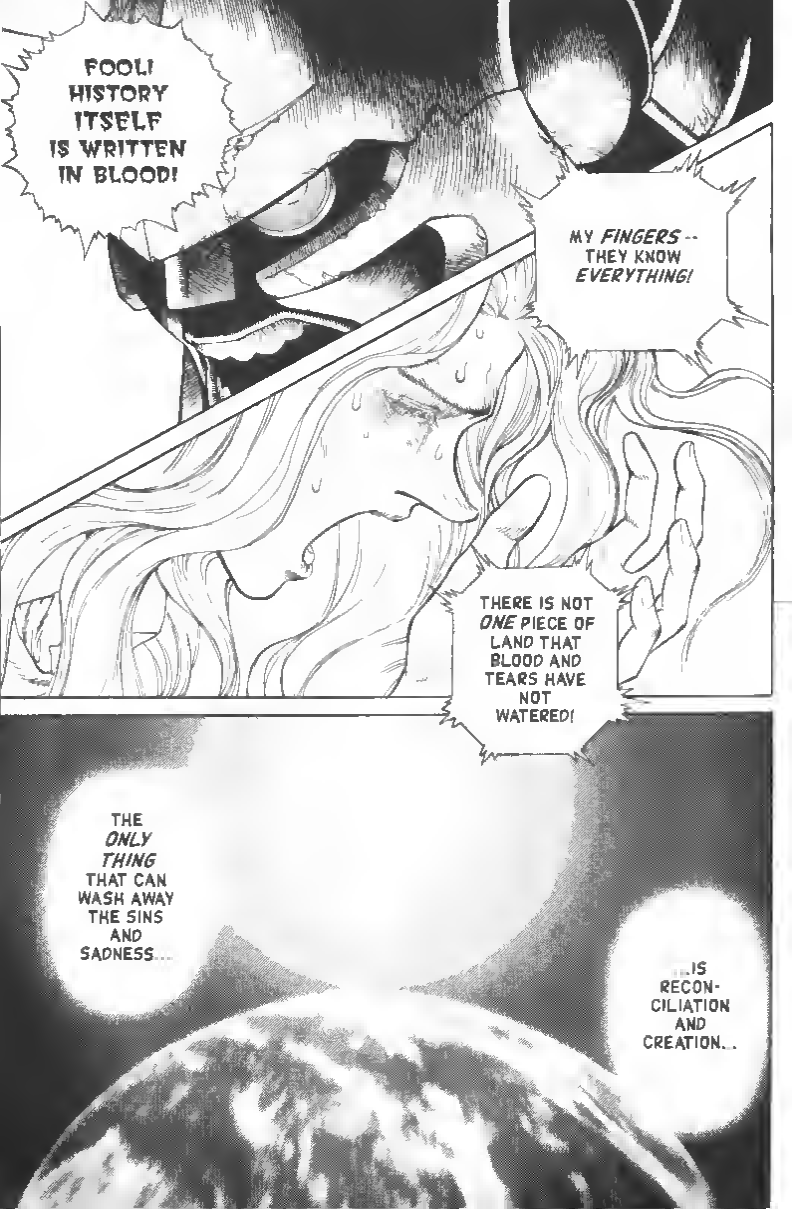

MY BIRD WAS SHOT BY A NETMAN...

KYAHA-HAHAHA! FOOLISH BOY! YOU SHOULON'T HAVE LET IT OUT OF ITS CAGE!
IT'S A CRIME TO FLY BENEATH TIPHARES! OION'T YOU KNOW?

I JUST SAT THERE, BLAMING MYSELF..

I...I NOW HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY THIS..
TIPHARES IS *WRONG!*
PEOPLE SHOULD NOT LIVE LIKE THIS!
BUT STILL...
...DEN, PLEASE-- YOU MUSTN'T ATTEMPT TO SHOOT DOWN TIPHARES!

SO KAOS IS AWAKE...
...AT LAST !
...
EVEN IF YOU DROP TIPHARES
...EVEN IF YOU BUILD A *NEW* CITY ATOP MILLIONS OF CORPSES
...THE HISTORY OF WASHING BLOOD AWAY WITH BLOOD WILL NOT END!


FOOL! HISTORY ITSELF IS WRITTEN IN BLOOD!
MY *FINGERS*-- THEY KNOW *EVERYTHING!*
THERE IS NOT *ONE* PIECE OF LAND THAT BLOOD AND TEARS HAVE NOT WATERED!
THE *ONLY THING* THAT CAN WASH AWAY THE SINS AND SADNESS...
...IS RECON-CILIATION AND CREATION...

KYAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA!

THAT WAS WELL SAID, MY SON!
THE CONQUEST OF KARMA... LIKE FATHER LIKE SON, EH, PROFESSOR?
64
63
62

I SWEAR TO YOU ALL--I WILL LIVE FOR THAT DAY!

SHOULD A DOCTOR BE NEEDED, MY FINGERS WILL MAKE ME A DOCTOR...
SHOULD AN ARCHITECT BE NEEDED, I'LL BECOME AN ARCHITECT.
SHOULD A LEADER BE NEEDED, I WILL BE A LEADER
SHOULD A HAND BE NEEDED TO CARE FOR A CHILD..
...I WILL BECOME THAT HAND.
I WILL PILE THESE TINY PEBBLES OF TRUTH, AND LIFE, AND JUSTICE-- UNTIL WE REACH THE HEIGHTS OF TIPHARES...
RADIOKIDS

UNTIL THAT DAY.

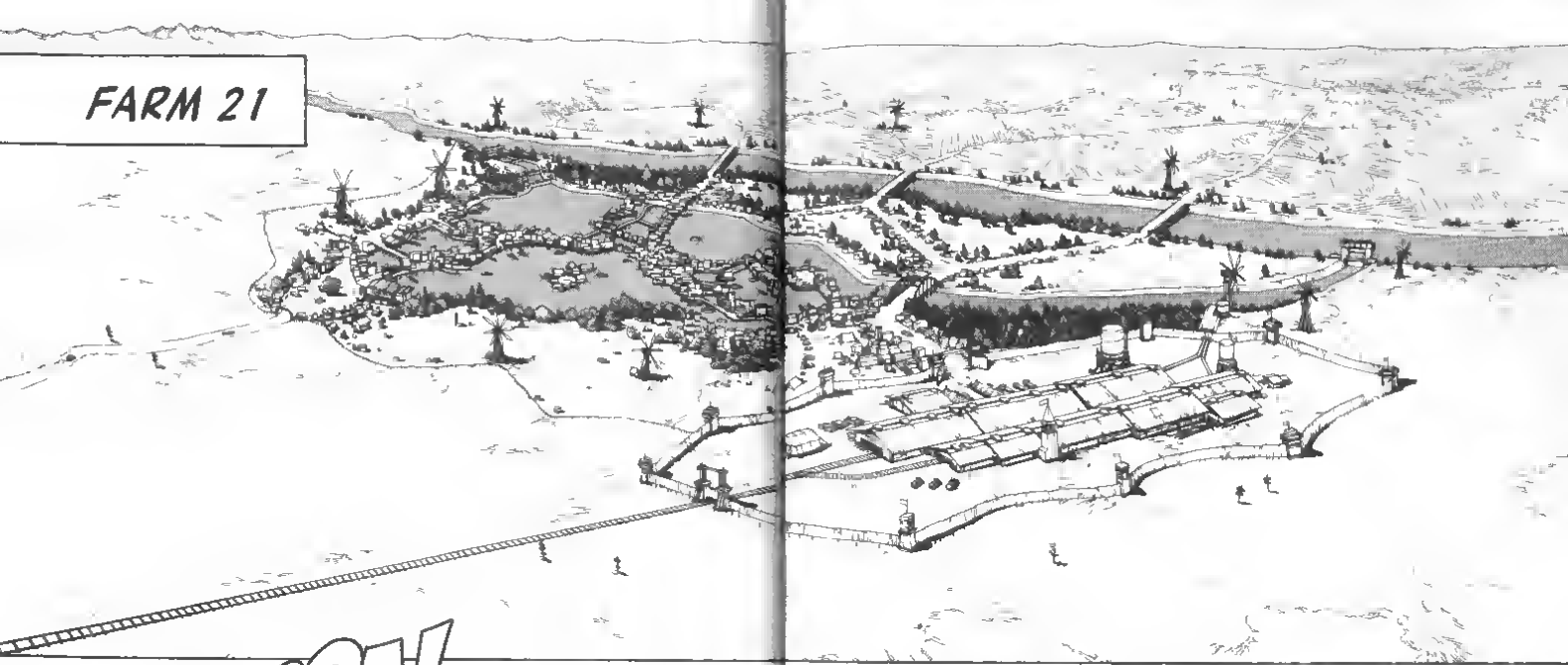
THE BROAD CAST IS OVER

KAOS HAO TAKEN HIS STAND--CHOSEN TO CARRY ON AND ABSORB INTO HIMSELF BOTH THE GOOD AND EVIL, THE HAPPINESS AND SINS, OF HIS HOMELAND.

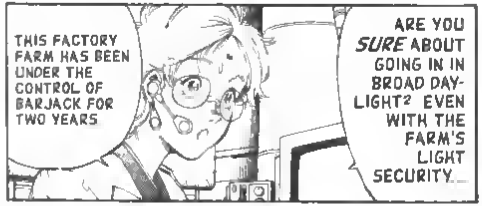
. AND ALITA TRULY UNDERSTOOD THE POSSIBILITIES THAT THE POWER OF PSYCHOMETRY HELD--AS WELL AS ITS HEAVY PRICE

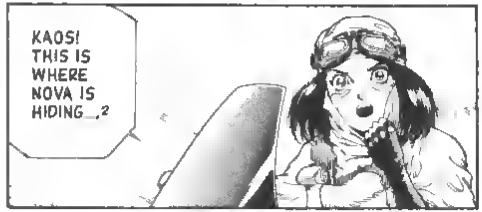
CHASING KAOS

Fight 2: Good-byes


FARM 21

VWOOM

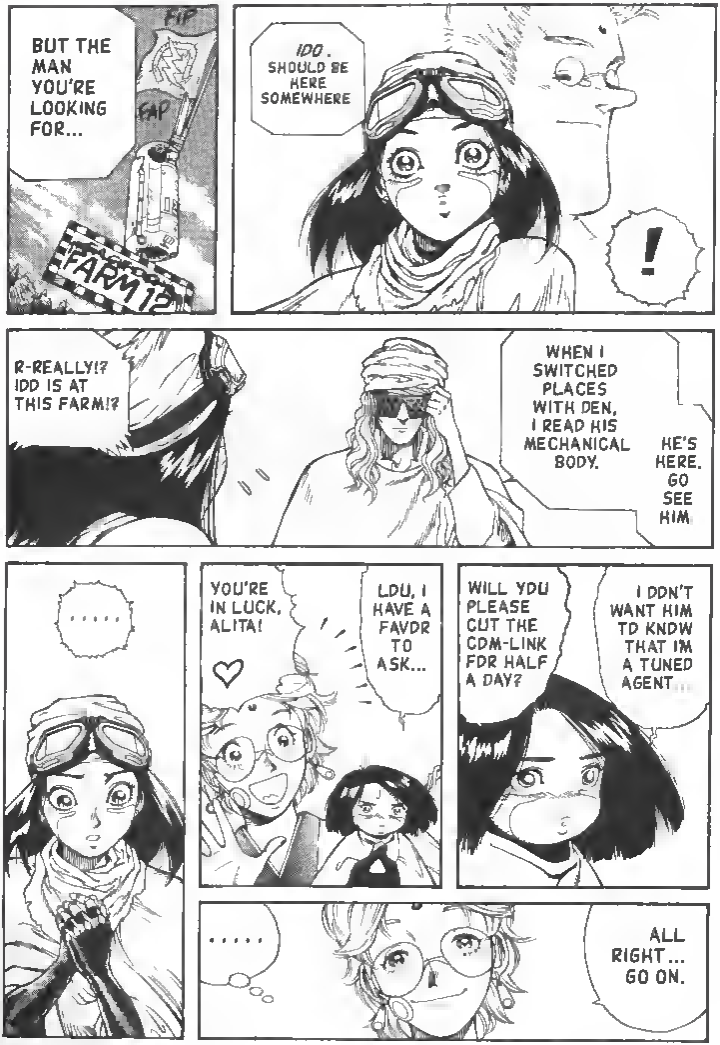

THIS FACTORY FARM HAS BEEN UNDER THE CONTROL OF BARJACK FOR TWO YEARS
ARE YOU *SURE* ABOUT GOING IN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT? EVEN WITH THE FARM'S LIGHT SECURITY...


KAOS! THIS IS WHERE NOVA IS HIDING...?

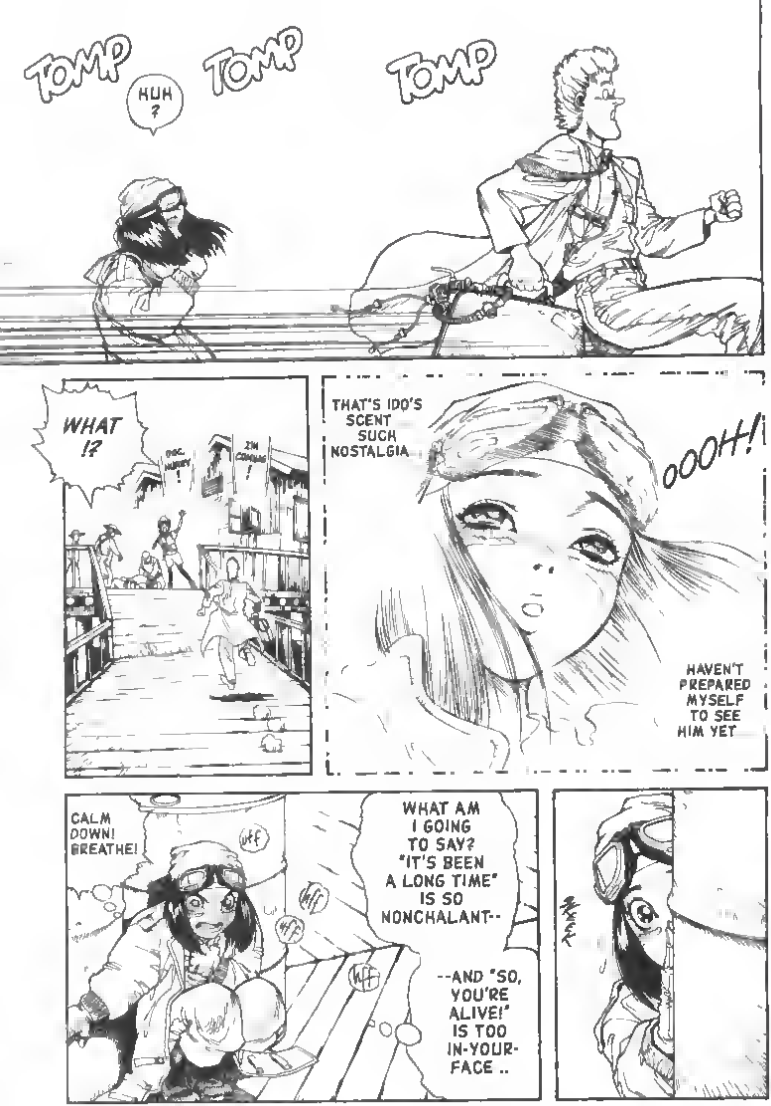
.....
YOKO...NO, I MEAN, *ALITA*...

I WAS ABLE TO BE SO BRAVE FOR MY BROADCAST . BECAUSE I MET YOU.
THANK YOU
WHAT'S WITH THE THANKS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I'LL BECOME EVEN STRONGER SINCE THAT BROADCAST I FEEL I CAN FIGHT DEN...NO, FIGHT MY OWN DESTINY.
ALITA, HOW DO YOU SEE ME ? WHAT IMAGE DOES YOUR MIRROR HOLO?
TMP
I WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!
UM.. HELLO ? THERE IS A MISSION TO. .
AHHH! HEY, HEY!

WAP.
THAT HURT...
IDIOT! THERE'S A TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERY-THING!
I'LL ADMIT... YOUR BROADCAST IMPRESSED ME--
--BUT I'VE ALREADY GOT A MAN IN MY HEART.
I...I KNOW...
TH-THAT'S RIGHT...HE'S GOT PYCHO-METRIC POWERS, SO...!
ZERO PRIVACY !?
OOOH
YOU KNOW...? J-JUST HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW!?
HEY!
WAAAH! I'M A PACIFIST!
ALITA! WE'RE IN ENEMY TERRITORY!
NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT MY FATHER ISN'T HERE.
HEE HEE


BUT THE MAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...
FIP
FAP
FARM 12
IDO. SHOULD BE HERE SOMEWHERE
!
R-REALLY!? IDO IS AT THIS FARM!?
WHEN I SWITCHED PLACES WITH DEN, I READ HIS MECHANICAL BODY.
HE'S HERE. GO SEE HIM
.....
YOU'RE IN LUCK, ALITA!
LDU, I HAVE A FAVDR TO ASK...
WILL YDU PLEASE CUT THE CDM-LINK FDR HALF A DAY?
I DDN'T WANT HIM TD KNDW THAT IM A TUNED AGENT
.....
ALL RIGHT... GO ON.

IDO--SOMEWHERE IN THIS VILLAGE...?
TOOM
TOOM
TOOM
B-BUT...
SHE BREATHED IN!
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ME TO HEAL IDO!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
NOOOOO!
PLEASE LET HIM BE THE WAY HE USED TO...!


TOMP
HUH ?
TOMP
TOMP
WHAT !?
DOC HURRY !
I'M COMING !
THAT'S IDO'S SCENT SUCH NOSTALGIA
OOOH!
HAVEN'T PREPARED MYSELF TO SEE HIM YET
CALM DOWN! BREATHE!
WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY? "IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME" IS SO NONCHALANT--
--AND "SO, YOU'RE ALIVE!" IS TOO IN-YOUR-FACE ..
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SNEAK

IT'S 100-- JUST AS I REMEMBER HIM...
SO KIND. SO BIG... SO WARM...
BUT WHY DIDN'T HE COME BACK TO THE SCRAP-YARD!?
HE DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO CONTACT ANYONE... LIVING OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. HOW COULD HE!?
OH!
.....

MR. KAOS...
I WAS *REALLY* TOUCHED BY YOUR LAST BROAD-CAST!
I'VE BEEN THINKING ALL *NIGHT* ABOUT HOW I CAN HELP BRING THE SURFACE AND TIPHARES TOGETHER, BUT...
I KNOW EASIER SAID THAN DONE, RIGHT?
BUT I WANT TO BE KNOWN AS A MAN OF *ACTION*, NOT JUST *WORDS*.
SO, YOU GOT THE LOCATION OF MY FATHER'S LAB, RIGHT?
THEN I'M OFF! GOODBYE, MISS COLLINS.
HUH? WHERE ARE YOU *GOING*, MR. KAOS!?
VROOM
I HAVE TO GO FACE MY FATHER--MAN TO MAN.
IF FORTUNE SMILES, WE'LL MEET AGAIN

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! EVEN IF YOU ARE HIS SON!
YOU SHOULD WAIT TILL ALITA GETS BACK--AND GO TOGETHER!
EVEN THE LOVE I FEEL FOR ALITA IT MAY JUST BE EMOTIONS I'VE BORROWED-- TAKEN FROM THAT MAN IDO...
LOU MY PSYCHO-METRY HAS A PRICE, YOU SEE, I'M NOTHING.. JUST AN EMPTY SHELL
I CAN FILL THAT SHELL WITH ANYTHING, BUT, AT THE ROOT, I'M NO ONE...A HOLLOW MAN
B-BUT...
EVEN SO, THE PAIN IN MY HEART IS VERY REAL
SO, UNTIL I CAN COME TO TERMS WITH MY TRUE IDENTITY, I'VE GOT TO GO MY OWN WAY...PLEASE TELL THAT TO ALITA FOR ME!
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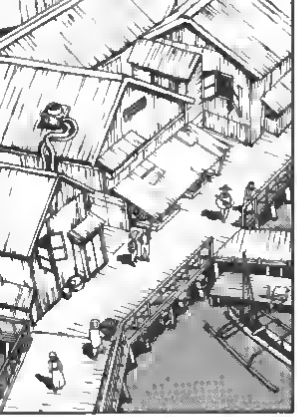


DARN! MISSED MY CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM...

'SCUSE ME
TEPTEP

WHATCHA DOIN'?

WHAT LUCK! IT'S IDO'S ASSISTANT!
WELL, ACTUALLY, I'M--

OH, YOU'RE AN OLD FRIEND OF DOCTOR IDO!
MY NAME IS KAYNA-- NICE TO MEETCHA!

DIDJA COME ALL THE WAY FROM THE SCRAP-YARD?
WELL, SORT OF--

HEY, ISN'T THIS THE WRONG DIRECTION...?

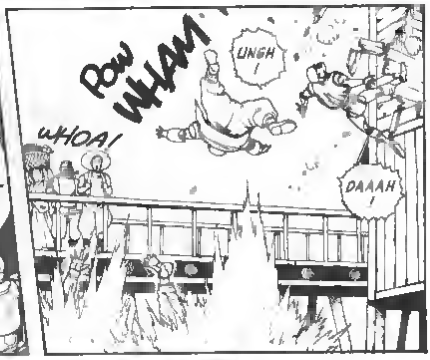
SHWEET

I'D REALLY 'PRECIATE IT...
...IF YOU'D LEAVE THIS VILLAGE WITHOUT ASKING ANY QUESTIONS

ANYONE WHO KNOWS DOCTOR IDO FROM BEFORE--WELL, IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION

WHACK
STRIK
SPAMOOSH

SPOOSH
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
IS IT A FIGHT?
SPASH
HEL..! I CAN'T SWIM!


POW WHAM
UNGH!
WHOA!
DAAAH!

THESE GUYS ARE RANK AMATEURS, NOT BARJACK...

OWWW! SHE'S TOO STRONG!
KAYNA! I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS'D BE EASY!

DAMN YOU!
SMAK
IDIOT! PUT THAT GUN AWAY!
TOSS
SO, ALITA-- YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU ON MYSELF!
POING
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU STAND IN MY WAY!
SHASHA
FWAM

FOOF
!
FWASH
HYAA!
SHUNK
OOMF
TH-THEY'RE AN EVEN MATCH!?
WOOM
SHE'S GOOD! GOTTA GET SERIOUS!
ZA
WAAAAAH!
OWWW! WHADIDYA DO THAT FOR!?

HEY! STOP THIS FIGHTING! THIS INSTANT!
KANG
KANG
KANG
!
UH-OH...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! I TOLD YOU, NO MORE FIGHTING!
WHAT KIND OF NURSE ARE YOU, CAUSING INJURIES LIKE THIS!
I-IDO—
WAH!
IDO! IT'S ME-- ALITA!
HUH?
poom
poom
poom
OH, NO...!

DOC! ALITA AND I ARE OLD FRIENDS FROM WHEN WE STUDIED CAPOEIRA* TOGETHER!
GLOW
!?
OH! SO YOU'RE A FRIEND OF KAYNA.
WH--
?
ALITA, IF YOU CARE FOR DOCTOR IDO AT ALL, PLAY ALONG.
IT'S NOT FAIR...
I FINALLY GET TO SEE HIM AFTER TEN YEARS AND...
...IDO...
...HAS NO MEMORY OF ME...

*CAPOEIRA--A BRAZILIAN MARTIAL ART DEVELOPED BY SLAVES, WHOSE SHACKLED HANDS RESULTED IN THE INVENTION OF UNIQUE FOOTWORK

CLINIC
EAT ALL YOU WANT, ALITA.
WOW. ALL THE WAY FROM THE SCRAPYARD? I'D LIKE TO LOOK UP AT TIPHARES FROM THERE. .
MMMM GOOD PICKLES!
I MET DOCTOR IDO BACK WHEN I WAS WORKING AT PROFESSOR NOVA'S LAB ..
TRUTH IS, DOCTOR IDO TOLD ME TO SHOW THIS TO ANYONE WHO CAME LOOKING FOR HIM.
TRYING TO SCARE YOU OFF--THAT WAS MY DOING... I'M SORRY.
THE MESSAGE IS FIVE YEARS OLD..IT'S FROM THE DOCTOR HIMSELF

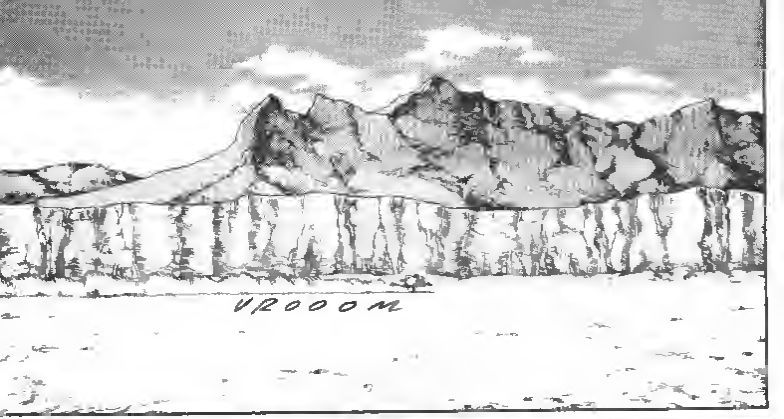
ON THE VIDEO WAS THE IDO I ONCE KNEW...
...BUT IN SO MUCH PAIN
I'M ON THE BORDER-LINE...
...THE LINE BETWEEN SANITY AND MADNESS. I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...
I WAS KILLED ONCE. THEN BROUGHT BACK BY NOVA. HIS PROCEDURE WORKED PERFECTLY. I EVEN FEEL YOUNGER THAN I WAS...!
HE TRIED TO MAKE ME HIS ASSISTANT... BUT I FOUGHT IT! I TOLD HIM TO STOP HIS HELLISH HUMAN EXPERIMENTS.!
TO WHICH NOVA REPLIED, "IF YOU KNEW THE SECRET OF TIPHARES, YOU'D CHANGE YOUR MIND..."
THE SECRET OF TIPHARES...

. . . . . .
...HEH... HEH... HEH...
HAHAHA! NOW THAT I TOO KNOW THE SECRET, I-I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY NOVA IS DOING THIS..!
B-BUT MY PSYCHE-- IT CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH..! NOT THIS TRUTH! I-I DON'T THINK I CAN EVER GO BACK TO THE WAY I USED TO BE...!
SO, GOODBYE...GOODBYE TO THE SCRAPYARD.. GOODBYE TO EVERYONE I HAVE EVER LOVED.. I'VE DECIDED--TO ERASE MY MEMORY!
SO NOW YOU KNOW--THESE ARE MY LAST WORDS.. AND ALITA... I'M SORRY. I HOPE YOU WILL FIND HAPPINESS..!
GOOD-BYE...

GOING HOME ALREADY ?
YOU CAN STAY THE NIGHT IF YOU WANT.
NAH, I'VE GOT SOMEONE WAITING FOR ME...
TAKE CARE.
I WONDER IF SHE HAS A HOME TO GO BACK TO...
HUH ?
SHE HAD A TERRIBLY SAD LOOK IN HER EYES...
.....

THERE WAS SO MUCH I WANTED TO TELL IDO ABOUT...
ALL THE SAD THINGS, ALL THE HAPPY THINGS SO MUCH.. SO VERY MUCH...
I WANTED HIM TO...
..TO BE *PROUD* OF ME.. OF HOW I HAD GROWN...
IDO...

SOLID STATE
Fight 3: Evolution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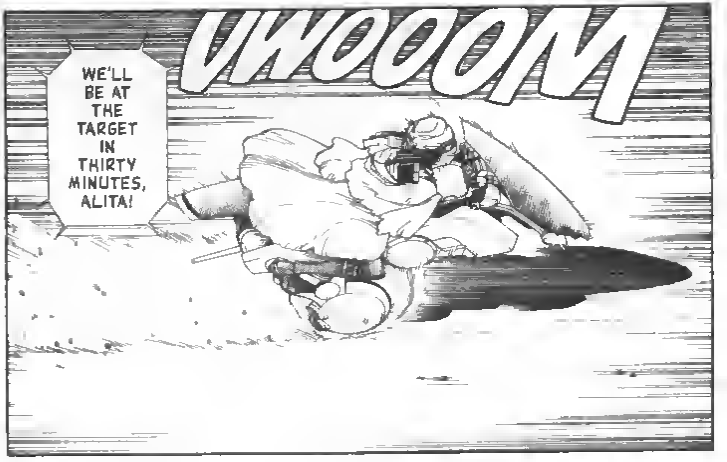
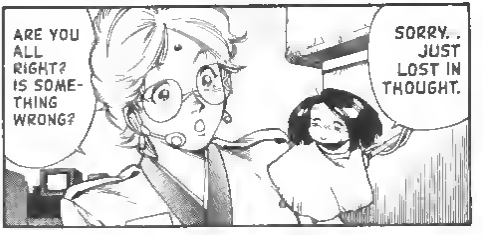
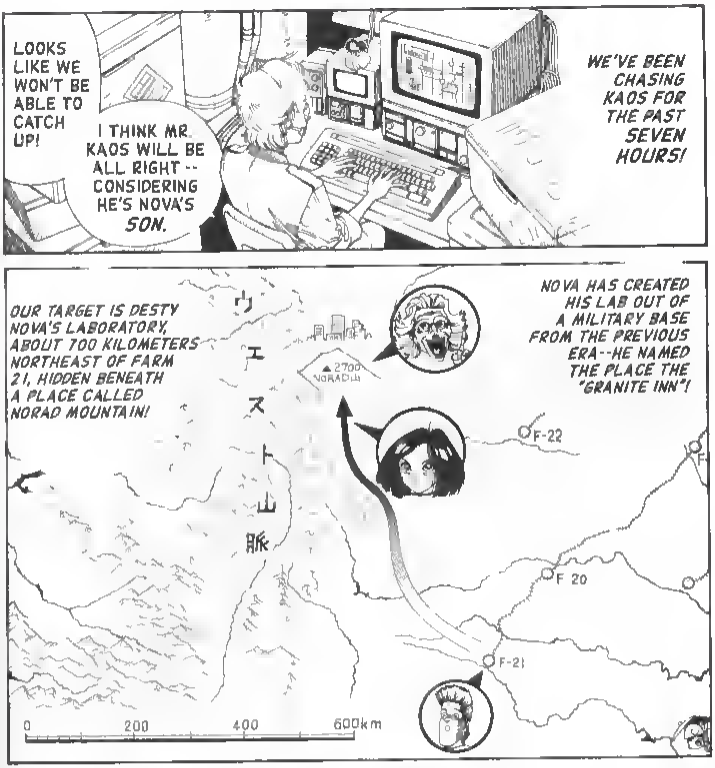

VWOOOM
WE'LL BE AT THE TARGET IN THIRTY MINUTES, ALITA!

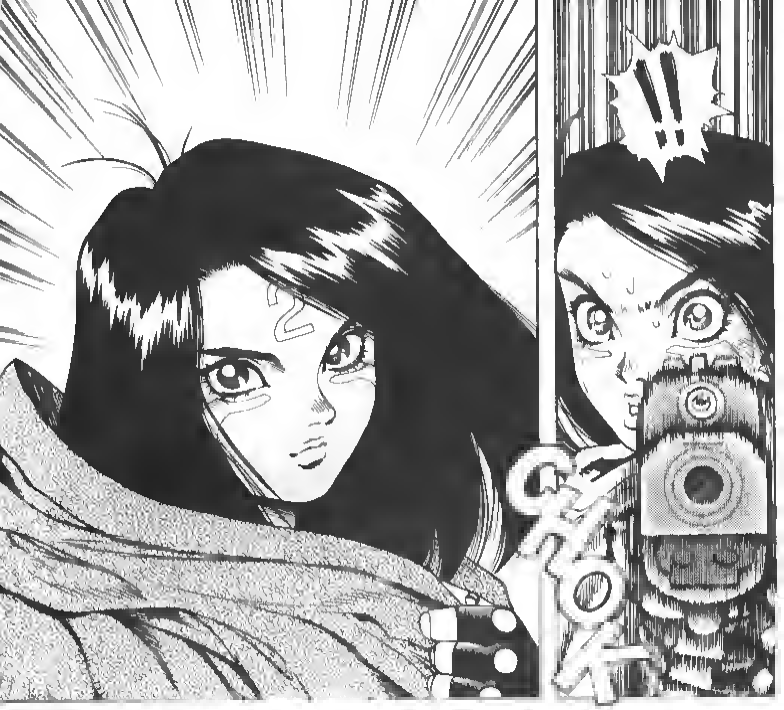
HUH!? DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? IS SOME-THING WRONG?
SORRY. . JUST LOST IN THOUGHT.


LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH UP!
I THINK MR. KAOS WILL BE ALL RIGHT -- CONSIDERING HE'S NOVA'S SON.
WE'VE BEEN CHASING KAOS FOR THE PAST SEVEN HOURS!
OUR TARGET IS DESTY NOVA'S LABORATORY, ABOUT 700 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF FARM 21, HIDDEN BENEATH A PLACE CALLED NORAD MOUNTAIN!
NOVA HAS CREATED HIS LAB OUT OF A MILITARY BASE FROM THE PREVIOUS ERA--HE NAMED THE PLACE THE "GRANITE INN"!
▲ 2700 NORAD山
F-22
F 20
F-21
0
200
400
600km
IT'S FINALLY TIME TO GO FACE TO FACE WITH PROFESSOR NOVA. CAN'T YOU FEEL THE TENSION!?
HUH? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
ALITA PAY ATTENTION PLEASE!

SHA
SHOSH
!
CHANG
TANG
FUWAP
AH
!
!?

SKEEEEEEE
WHAT THE--!?
FWUP
WH-WHO IS THIS MUNCHKIN?
AND WHERE DID IT LEARN...
...A PANZER KUNST MOVE...!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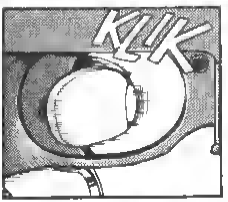
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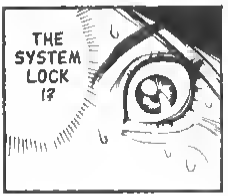

THE SYSTEM LOCK IS

FORGET IT
A TUNED'S EQUIPMENT CAN'T BE USED ON ANOTHER TUNED
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

WHO THE HELL IS THIS, LOU
12
WHAT ?!
TWO ALITAS ?!
AND THIS RECOGNITION CODE IS .!
CHIEF !
LET ME EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.
DON'T YOU GET IT?
HUH ?
THIS IS ONE OF THE MASS-PRODUCED TUNED AR SERIES 2!
BASICALLY, IT'S YOUR REPLACEMENT MODEL, A-11

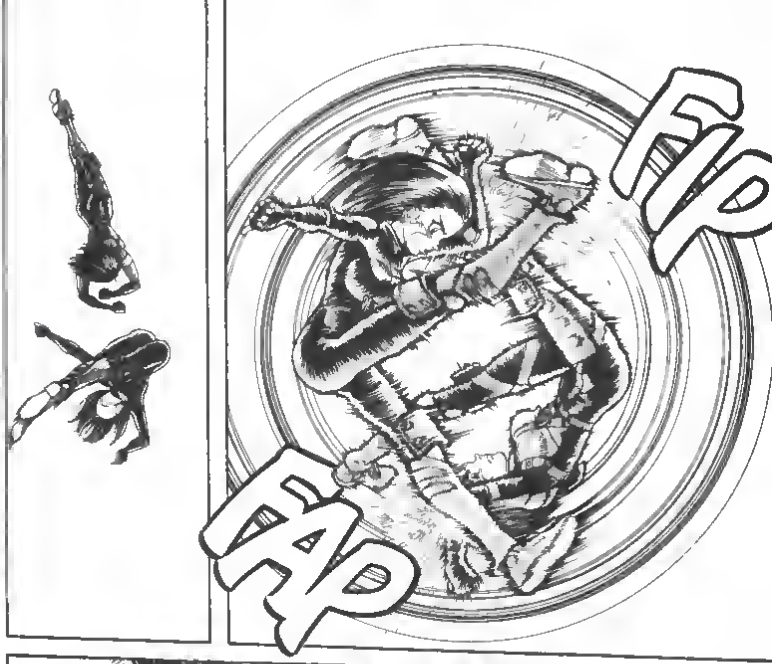
IT HAS THE SAME ABILITIES AS THE A-I, INCLUDING THE TUNED BODY...
...AND, IN ITS COMPUTERIZED BRAIN, TEN YEARS OF DIGITALLY STORED COMBAT RECORDS.
AND UNLIKE THE ORIGINAL, IT FOLLOWS ORDERS *WITHOUT FAIL.*
IT'S THE *PERFECT* COMBAT ANDROID!
DON'T MESS WITH ME! HOW *DARE* YOU MAKE AN IMITATION OF ME!
SIGH YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
THIS IS THE TUNED OPERATION--JUST AS WE PLANNED IT.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN I RESCUED YOU FROM THE FACTORY DISPOSAL UNIT?
WE DID THAT TO GET THE SOFTWARE WE NEEDED..A *LIVING EMBODIMENT* OF THE ULTIMATE IN COMBAT PROGRAMMING.
YOU WERE NEVER ANYTHING MORE THAN A SAMPLE TO US...
...AND A TROUBLE-SOME SAMPLE AT THAT.
IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU BEHAVE, I HAD TO BRING IN SOME PEOPLE YOU WOULD WARM UP TO--LIKE DR RUSSELL AND MISS COLLINS HERE!
DR. RUSSELL OPPOSED THE PLAN, SO I HAD TO LET HIM GO...
!
HEY, HEY
SHOOT

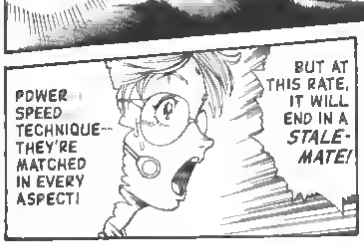
SO I WAS DANCING ON THE PALM OF TIPHARES ALL ALONG?
I'VE BEEN RISKING MY LIFE--FOR THIS...!?
NOW, YOU'LL TAKE PART IN THE AR SERIES' FINAL TEST--
--PROVING THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS!
FWOSH
.....
HOW DARE THEY! I WON'T ACCEPT THIS... THIS CHEAP COPY...!
GRRR
I SWEAR ON MY NAME--ALITA...!
GOOD LUCK, ALITA!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SO ANGRY...!

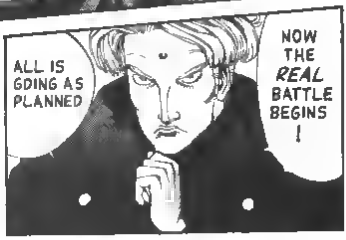
BEGIN, AR-2!
CONTROL, CAN I ASK A QUESTION?
HUH? GO AHEAD
A-1 IS CALLING ME AN IMITATION.
IF I DEFEAT HER..
..CAN I CALL HER THE IMITATION?
FWAM
SHUT UP!
FSSSH
BWASH

THOK
KRESH
KLING
?
wump


FIP
FAP

DAMN, IT'S GOOD! THIS IS A NIGHT-MARE!
PANZER KUNST IS A TECHNIQUE DESIGNED TO FIGHT LARGER OPPONENTS...!


POWER SPEED TECHNIQUE-- THEY'RE MATCHED IN EVERY ASPECT!
BUT AT THIS RATE, IT WILL END IN A STALE-MATE!


ALL IS GOING AS PLANNED
NOW THE REAL BATTLE BEGINS !

PAP
PAP
PAP
PAP
PAP
PAP
PAP
HOW DARE THEY? DAMN THIS CHEAP IMITATION...!
I'LL SHOW HER!
!!
UH!
FWSH
FWASH

SMASH!
SHE GOT HER!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE GEHEIMNIS EINZUG RUSTUNGEN!
HA! A CLEAN HIT -- SHE SHOULD HAVE BRAIN DAMAGE...OR AT LEAST A CONCUSSION!
Wha
?!

HSSHAAAAA
WH-WHAT THE--!?
BA WHAM
SKIK
SKIK
SKUK
ERRGH!

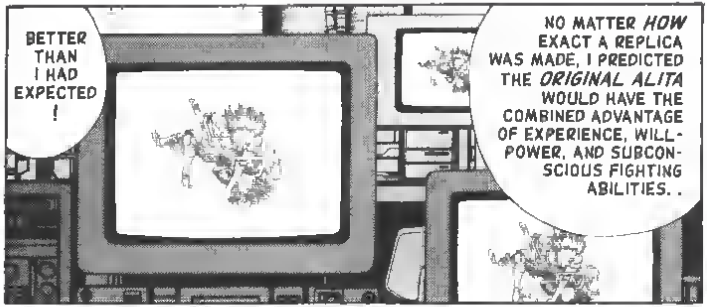
.....
WNNGH..
TUNK
!?
FAUNK
ALITA !
I SEE
THE AR SERIES HAVE SOLID-STATE BRAINS--MUCH MORE IMPACT RESISTANT...
STMP
IT'S NOT OVER YET!

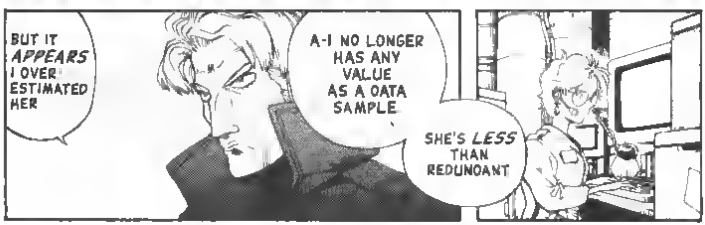
!
KOOM
SHEE
TH-- THIS IS--
EINZUG RÜSTUN-GEN!?
WHAM

SKEEESH
WHOM
TH-- THIS CAN'T BE...
THIS PUPPET IS USING MY PANZER KUNST AGAINST ME...
RA-HA-HA!
SKEEESH

CHIEF BIGOTT, YOU'VE *GOT* TO STOP THIS!
ALITA WILL BE *DESTROYED*!
IT *CAN'T* BE TRUE...! MY TEN YEARS OF DRIFTING--TEN YEARS OF *PAIN*...
...WAS ALL JUST TO MAKE THIS COMBAT MACHINE...!
DON'T LOOK AWAY!
THE IMAGE IN THE MIRROR...! WHAT IT REFLECTS IS THE *TRUTH*...!
THE IMAGE IS OF *YOU!*
N...

NO!


BETTER THAN I HAD EXPECTED !
NO MATTER *HOW* EXACT A REPLICA WAS MADE, I PREDICTED THE *ORIGINAL ALITA* WOULD HAVE THE COMBINED ADVANTAGE OF EXPERIENCE, WILL-POWER, AND SUBCONSCIOUS FIGHTING ABILITIES. .


BUT IT *APPEARS* I OVER ESTIMATED HER
A-I NO LONGER HAS ANY VALUE AS A DATA SAMPLE
SHE'S *LESS* THAN REDUNDANT

THE CHIEF-- HE .HE PLANS TO *KILL* ALITA !

GASP
ALITA... !

HAVE AR-I TAKE OVER THE MISSION TO ARREST NOVA
YES, SIR

TUP
TUP
TUP

SPUT
WHAT ?!
STOP THAT REPLICA !
NOW !
ground Ins

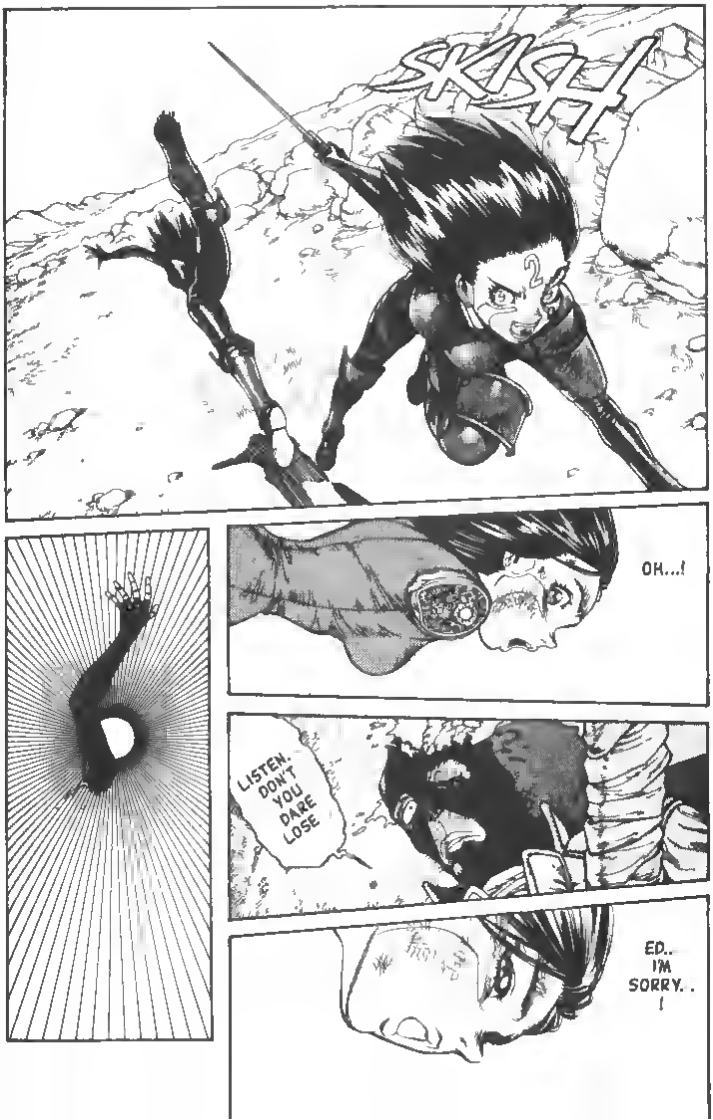
STOP AR-2 THIS INSTANT !
EEEEEEEK!!
WAM
H-HURRY IT UP!
.....

UNGH!
HSHAAAA
MMM...
POING
POING
HOOPS
hff
uff
hff
uff
FWAM
WHUM

SHA WHAM
FWAP
KREK
KSH
AH GHH!
HA!

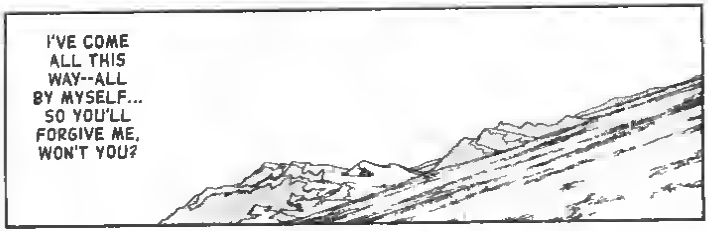
IM REALLY SERIOUS !
SHUKA
SHUKA
SHUKA
CH-CHIEF. .
C-CALM DOWN, MS. COLLINS.
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING!?
SHE'S A MERE SURFACE DWELLER-- YOU'VE NEVER EVEN MET HER IN PERSON!
YOU'RE A CITIZEN OF THIPHARES-- WHAT GOOD WILL THIS DO YOU!?

ZASH
SHOOK
CHAK
SHOOK
HA, HA, HA!
NO...
DON'T TOUCH THAT!


SKISH
OH...!
LISTEN. DON'T YOU DARE LOSE
ED.. I'M SORRY..!

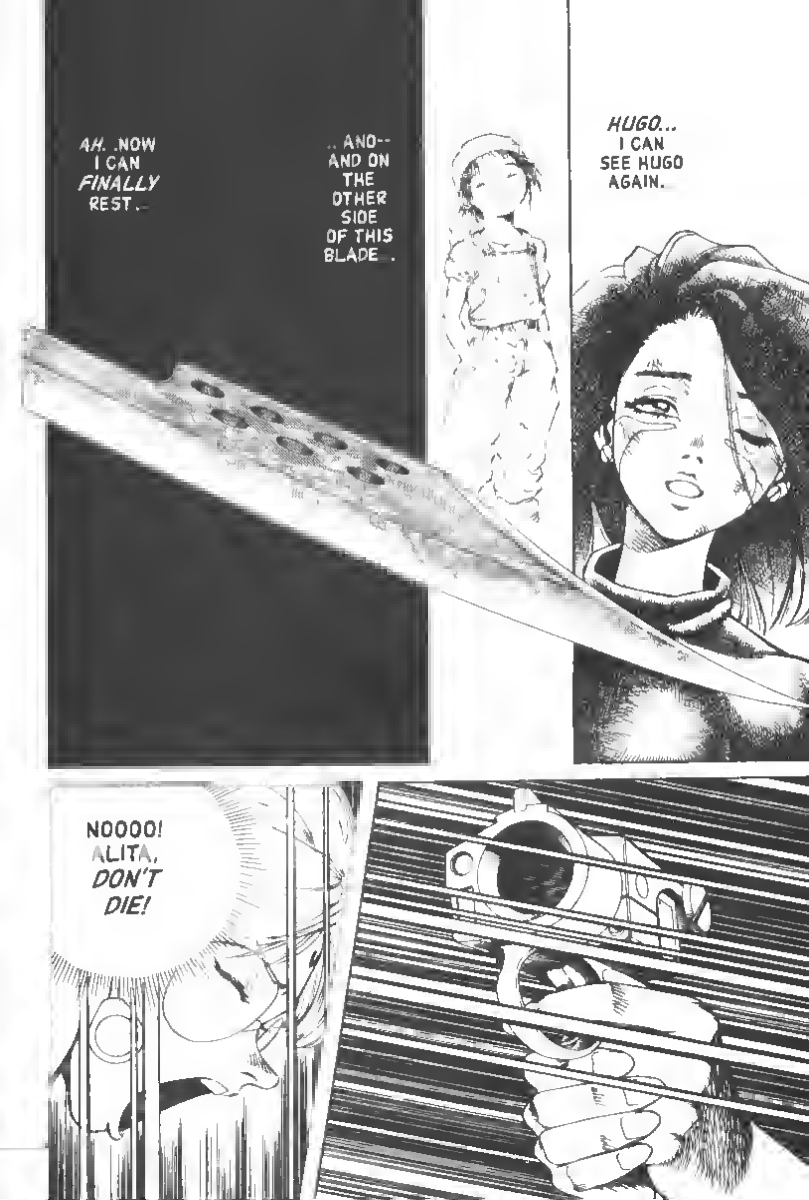
THIS IS THE GLORY OF THE WORLD, ALITA!
YOKO THE ULTIMATE SECRET ENDURANCE
ALITA--
I'M SORRY..
TO FEAR DEATH IS TO FAIL AS A WARRIOR!
I'M SERIOUS!
I HATE WARS AND THAT INCLUDES GIRLS THAT FIGHT IN THEM!
IS THIS THE SAME ANGEL OF DEATH I FOUGHT!? YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!
AEEEEEHAAH!

EVERYONE--
I'M...
SORRY...
...I'M
SO...
TIRED...
WHD


I'VE COME
ALL THIS
WAY--ALL
BY MYSELF...
SO YOU'LL
FORGIVE ME,
WON'T YOU?

I--I'M
TIRED OF
FIGHTING...

ALITA
!
FWOOSH


AH. .NOW I CAN *FINALLY* REST..
.. AND-- AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BLADE..
HUGO... I CAN SEE HUGO AGAIN.
NOOOO! ALITA, *DON'T DIE!*

BLAM
KRASH
EEEEEEEEE!
GOH
GOH
GOH
ZZZUPT
ZUT!

AAHH..
AAAHHH!
AH...
TWOK
SHAK

KA SPANG
HSSAA
HSSAA
HSSAA
HHUP
HUP

UH..
FUMP
I I
SAVED ALITA, BUT
BUT WHAT HAVE I OONE...?
KANG
TNG
TNG
uff
uff
uff

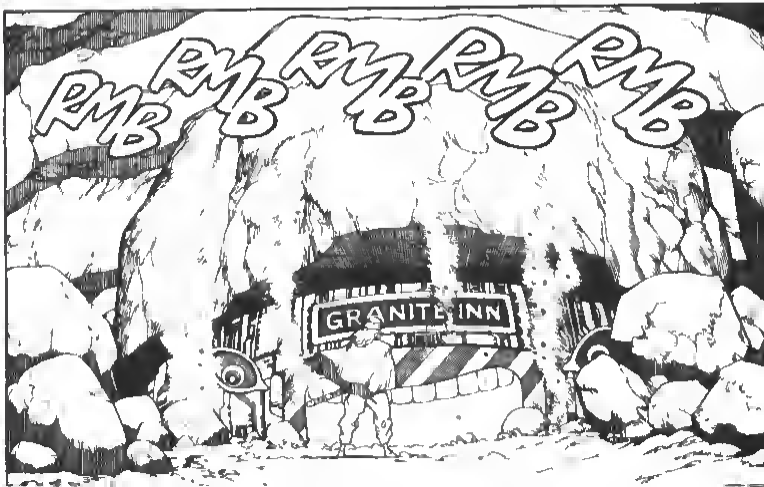
POW
OH!
UH.. I..
MS COLLINS, YOU ARE UNWELL.
I'M RELIEVING YOU OF DUTY
REPORT TO THE MEDICAL BUREAU--FOR APPROPRIATE TREATMENT!
ZZZZZUMM
CHIEF...

ASIDE FROM THIS SMALL... *ACCIDENT*... THE TEST OF THE AR SERIES IS A SUCCESS.
WE MAY HAVE LOST AR-2, BUT WE HAVE GAINED VALUABLE COMBAT DATA.
ASSIGN THE ELEVEN REMAINING UNITS, AR-1 AND AR-3 THROUGH AR-12 TO ANTI-BARJACK OPERATIONS!

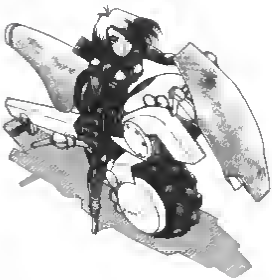
MEANWHILE--
NORAD MOUNTAIN
O-
DAMN
IT...
WHEN I THINK OF WHAT LIES AHEAD. MY-- MY KNEES GO WEAK ! CAN'T STAND
COME ON, KAOS! GET A GRIP ON YOUR-SELF!
UUUNH JASMINE-- GIVE ME STRENGTH!

ALITA, NO ONE CAN COPY YOUR *INTENSITY*, BUT...
...IN MY OWN WAY, I WILL BECOME A MAN WHO IS WORTHY OF YOU!

FATHER! IT'S ME!
I KNOW YOU CAN SEE ME! *OPEN THE GATE!*


RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
GRANITE INN

VUMB
WHAT IS THIS!?
WH... WHAT... !?



THE THOUSAND FACES OF MADNESS

Fight 4: Revolution

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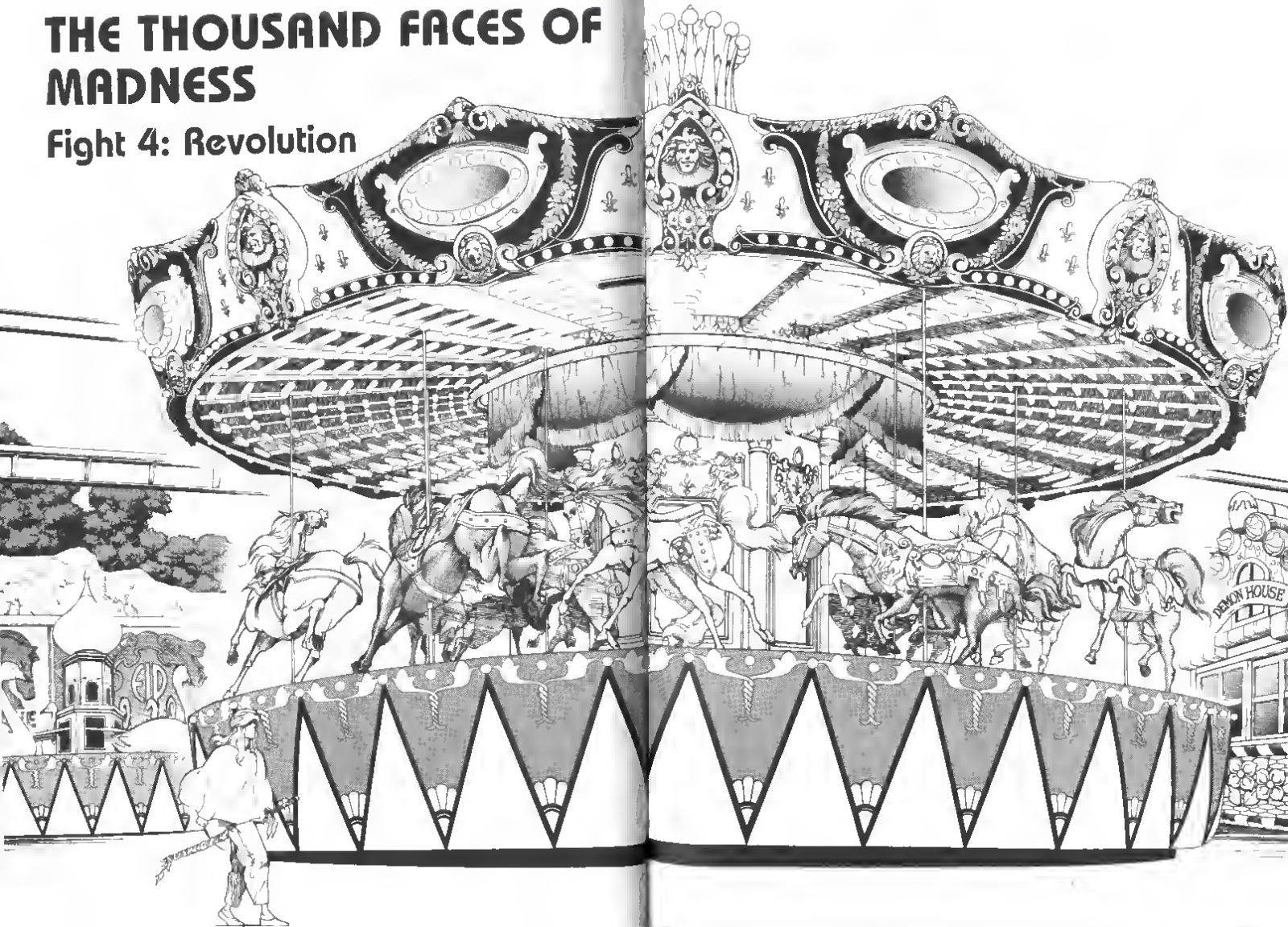
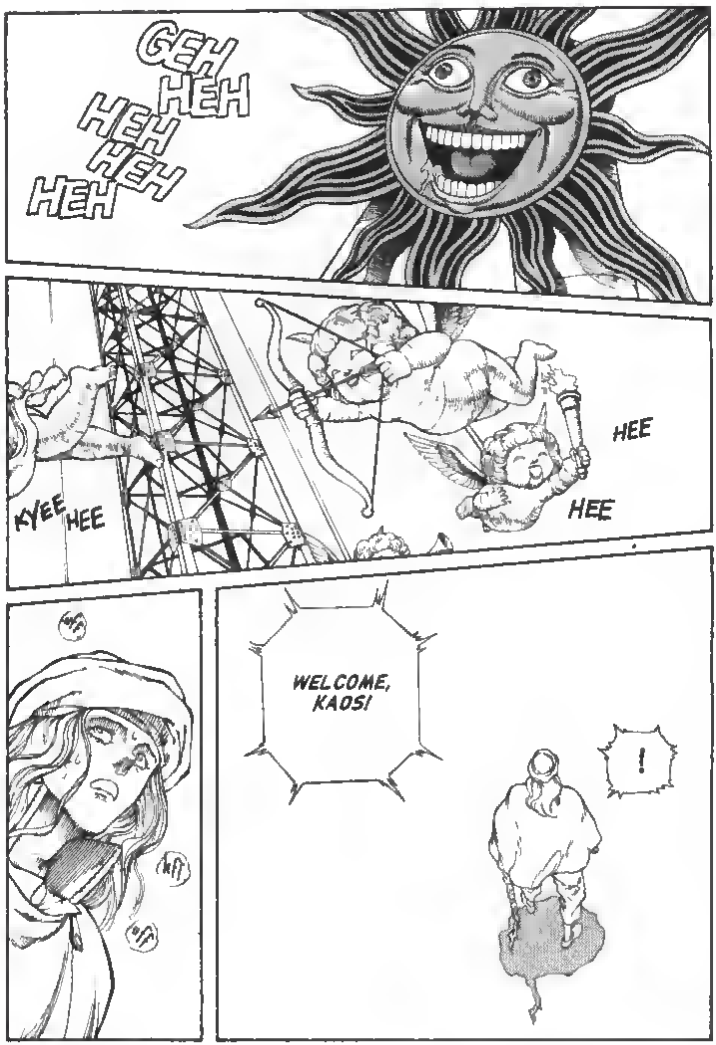
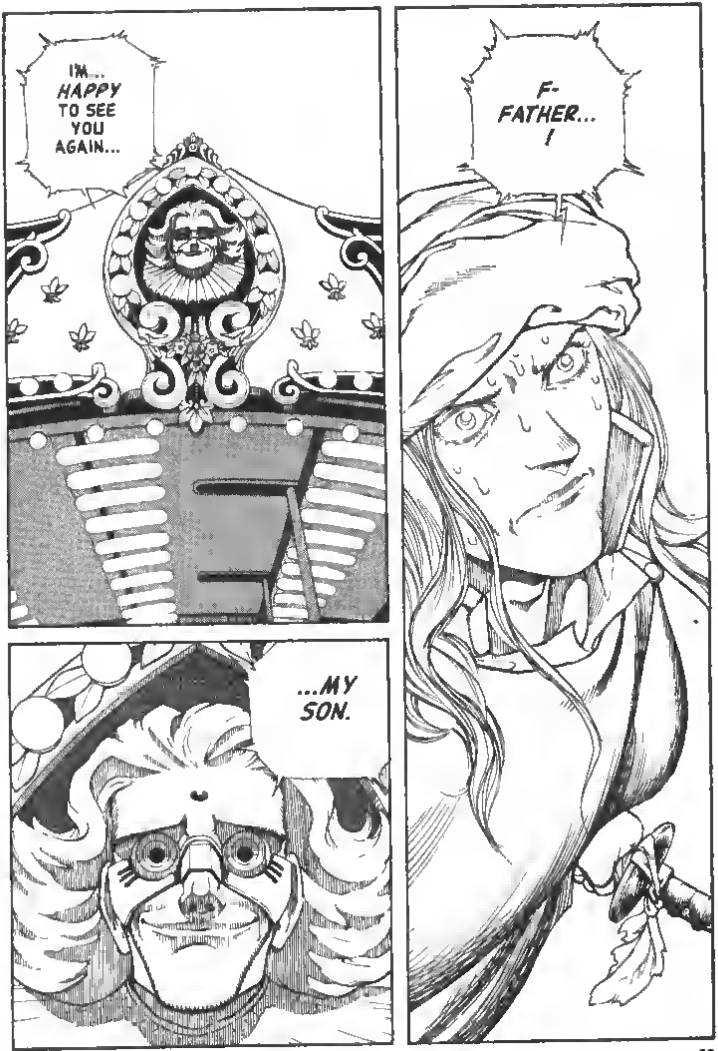
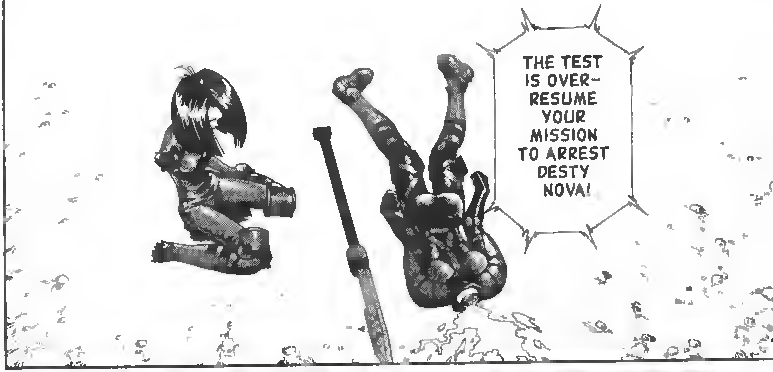
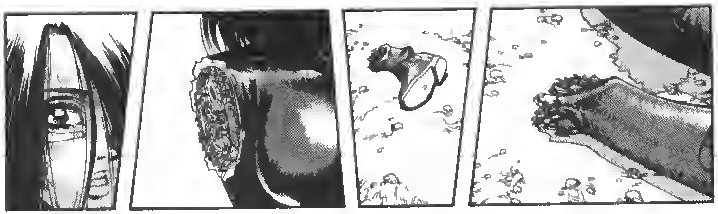



GEH HEH
HEH HEH
HEH
KYEE HEE
HEE
HEE
WELCOME, KAOS!
!


I'M... HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
F- FATHER... !
...MY SON.

AAAAOOT!
UNGH!
...UH HN...
AWAKE NOW, A-12

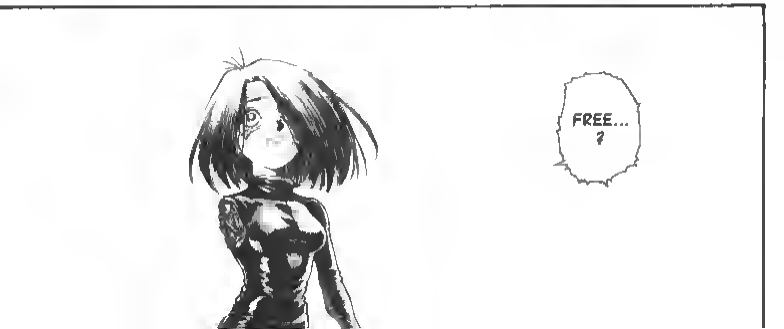

THE TEST IS OVER– RESUME YOUR MISSION TO ARREST DESTY NOVA!

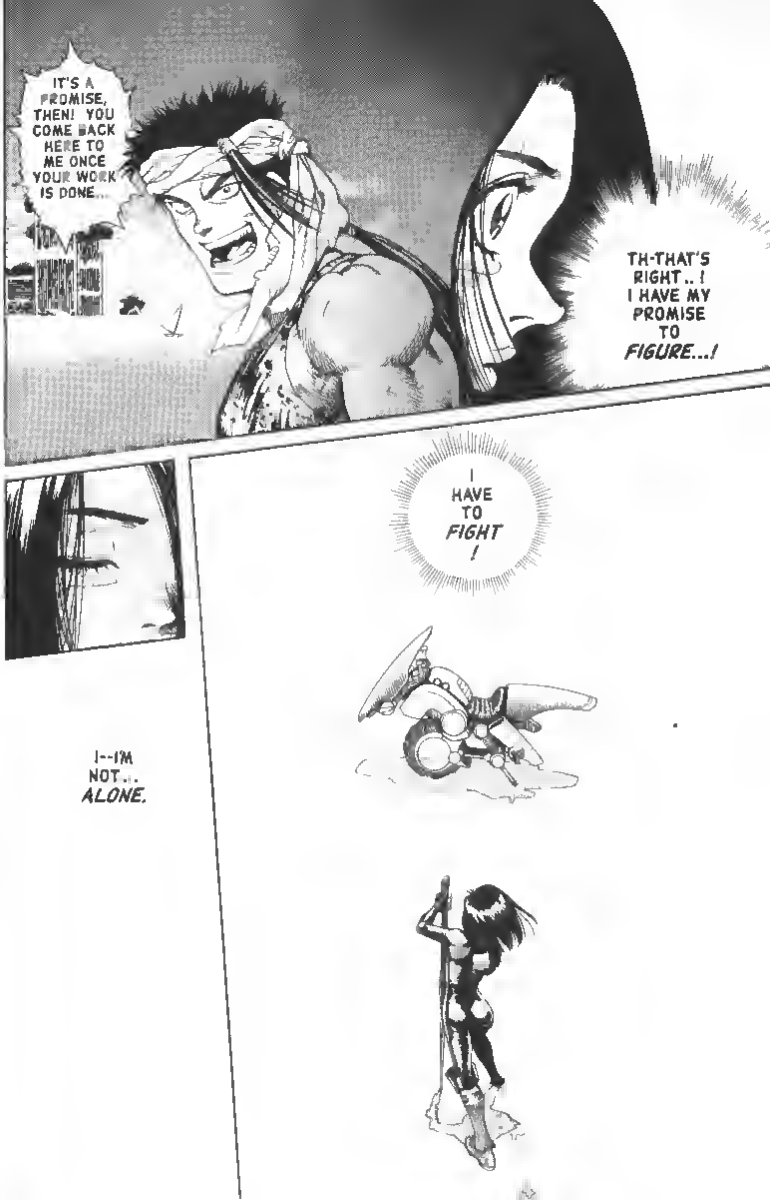


WHAT'S THE MATTER!? GET UP!

KILL ME.

EVERYTHING YOU TOOK IT ALL AWAY I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY...
...BECAUSE I'VE HAD ENOUGH...
LOU--DID WHAT?!
I SEE... THAT'S WHY THE REPLICA STOPPED MOVING...!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
MS. COLLINS LOST HER POSITION TO SAVE YOUR LIFE.
TO SAVE ME...!
FMP
THIS IS YOUR LAST MISSION, A-I.
UPON ITS SAFE COMPLETION, I'LL RELEASE YOU AS AN AGENT OF THE TUNED--I'LL LET YOU GO.


FREE...?


IT'S A PROMISE, THEN! YOU COME BACK HERE TO ME ONCE YOUR WORK IS DONE...
TH-THAT'S RIGHT..! I HAVE MY PROMISE TO FIGURE...!
I HAVE TO FIGHT!
I--I'M NOT... ALONE.

FRRP
MY COUNTERPART--CALLING HIMSELF *DEN*--IS BEING CONTROLLED FROM THIS *UNIT!* HE'S ON A *RAMPAGE* ACROSS THE BADLANDS!
WHAT IS THIS *THING* YOU PUT INTO ME!?
DEN IS A MONSTER *YOU* CREATED--BY TWISTING *MY* SOUL!
YOU USED YOUR OWN *SON* FOR YOUR EXPERIMENTS!
MY SON...

...WHILE IT'S *TRUE* THAT I SECRETLY INSTALLED THAT CONTROL UNIT AND PREPARED THE SLAVE-BODY FOR DEN...
IT WAS *YOU* WHO CREATED THE MONSTER, NOT I!

GRAARGH!
FACTION DEFENSE
SPACHACK

FOLLOW ME!
YEEE-HAAH!
BRATTA
BRATTA
BRATTA
KYAHA-HAHA!
KILL 'EM ALL!
DEN'S PERSONALITY.. HIS ACTIONS--THEY'RE THE DREAMINGS OF YOUR SOUL, KAOS NOT MINE

WHEHEHEEN!
WUNK
SKRAK
CHAK
SPLSHAAA
PLIP PLIP
TUMPA TUMPA
FWUMP

FOOLISH HORSE.
HAD IT REMAINED ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND, IT WOULDN'T HAVE DIED.

THERE IS A *LESSON* HERE, KAOS.

I DON'T THINK SO.
THAT HORSE DIED WALKING ITS LAST FEW STEPS IN THE DIRECTION *IT* WANTED TO TAKE!

OH ?
THE *OLD* KAOS WAS *HARDLY* SO BOLD! I LIKE THIS!

THE "OLD KAOS" WAS NO MORE THAN YOUR *TOY!*

BUT MY PYCHOMETRY HAS TAUGHT ME THINGS--
SHANG
--AND I'M NOT PLAYING ANYMORE!
SKRANG
KRAKKESH
A MIRROR!? WHEN? HOW?

KYAHAHAHA! KAOS, I'M THINKING OF MAKING YOU THE HEIR TO MY EXPERIMENTS!
WITH YOUR PYCHOMETRIC ABILITY, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY MY WORK TO ITS FRUITION!
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I RESPECTED YOU MORE THAN ANYONE!
ONCE YOU TOLD ME, "IT'S MY MISSION TO CURE THE SICKNESS OF MANKIND!"
BUT LOOK AT YOU NOW!
!
NOTHING BUT A MADMAN !

UNGH!
WAAAAH!?
SPLURP
GLUGH...
GLP...
HHHHKK!
C-CALM DOWN, KAOS...!
THIS IS AN ILLUSION!
IF I GIVE IN TO FEAR, I'LL FALL FURTHER INTO HIS TRAP!

!
SICH
IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS NO SANITY OR INSANITY
HERE LIE ONLY THE THOUSAND FACES OF MADNESS.
ALL FORMS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL BEING ARE BUT VARYING DEGREES OF MADNESS. BEYOND THE LIMITS OF SELF-SEARCHING LIE THE VAST PLAINS OF FREEDOM WITHOUT BOUNDS.
FWAK
I WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE THIS SPLENDOR . MY SON

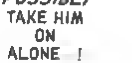
ST-
STOP
IT!
LESSON
ONE...
SPLURK
Pork
SPLUGH
GUGGA
GYAAAAH!
IT'S MORE
IMPORTANT
TO FEEL
THAN TO
THINK!
SPLOP
SPLUP
SPLOP

LESSON TWO! HAHAHA!
SPLEE

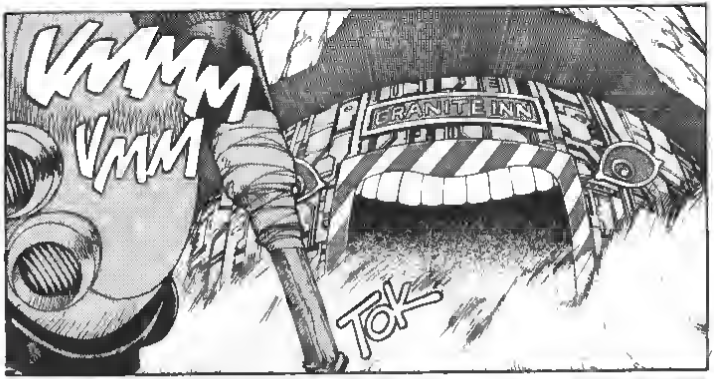
KEEP LOOKING FOR THE ULTIMATE ANSWER! REACH HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE!

WHAT ARE WE !?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE!?
WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR!?
WHY ARE WE HERE !?
SPLOO PLAPPLOOSH

H-HE'S TERRIFYING..


I...I CAN'T POSSIBLY TAKE HIM ON ALONE !

ALITA...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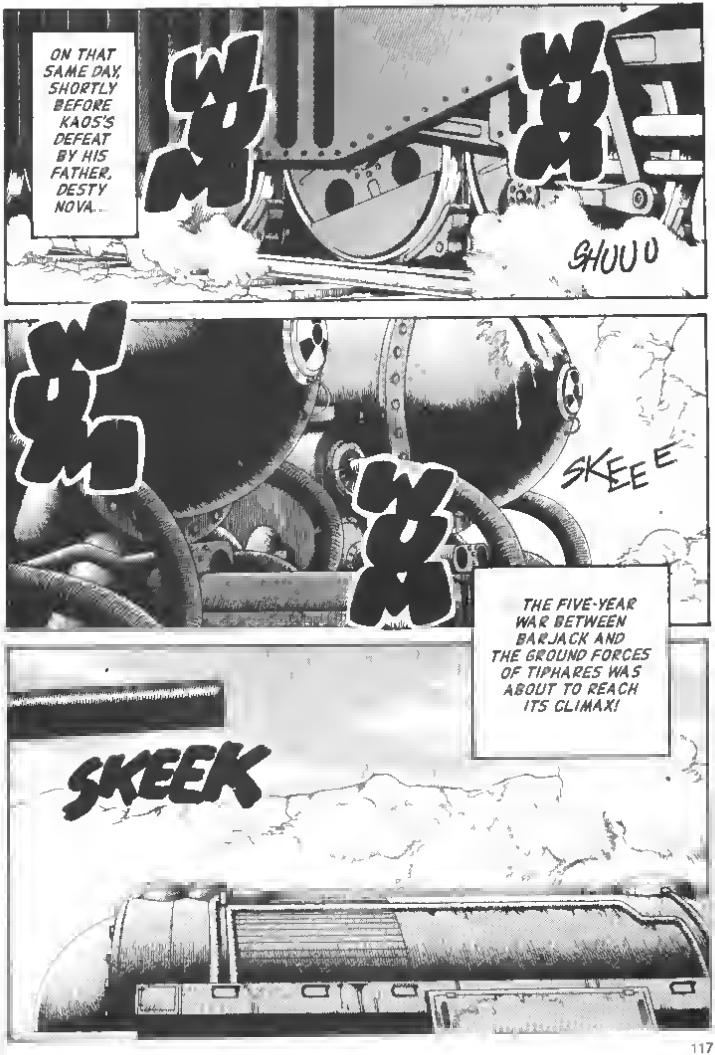
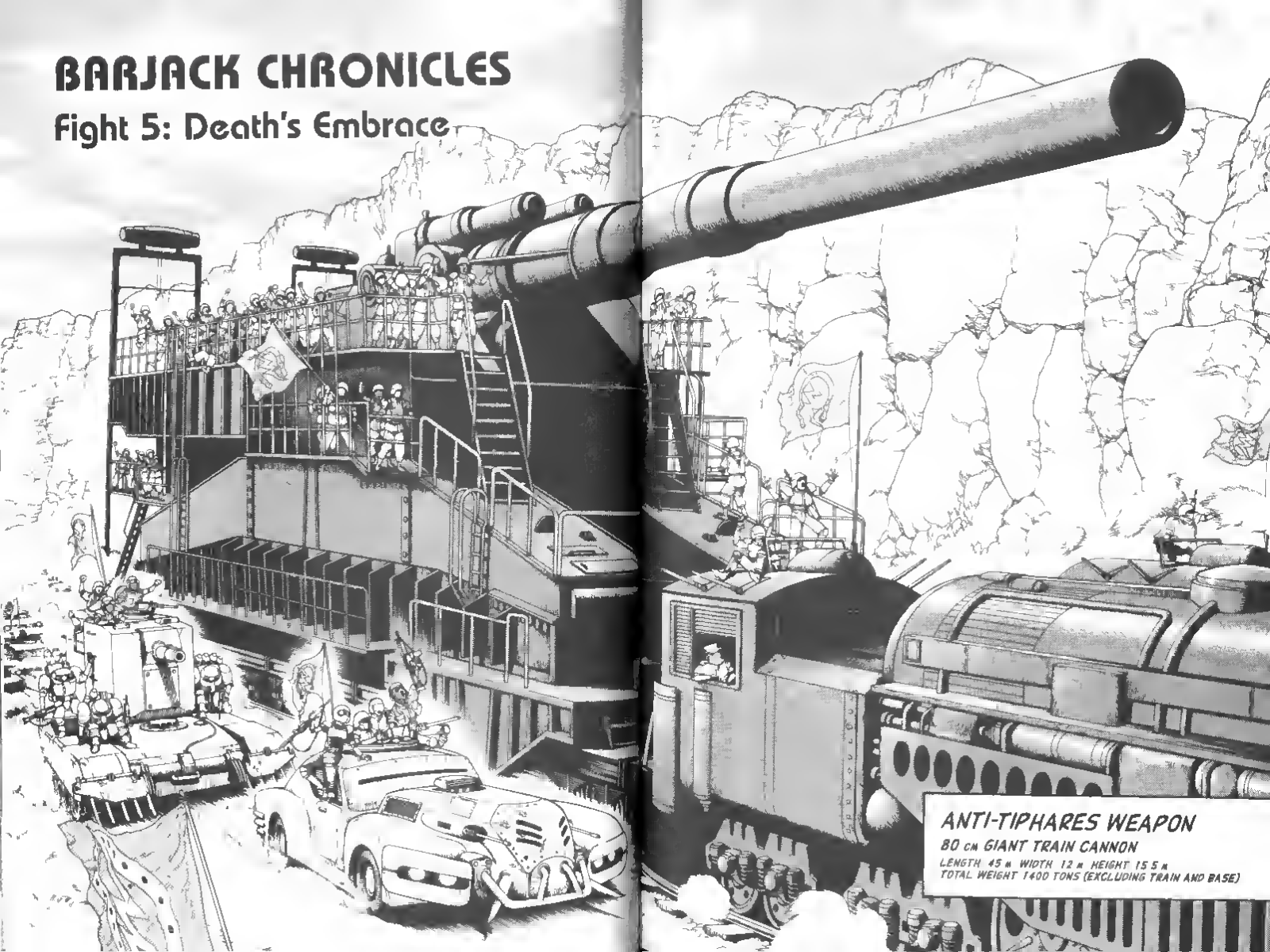
TOK


ON THAT SAME DAY, SHORTLY BEFORE KAOS'S DEFEAT BY HIS FATHER, DESTY NOVA...
SHUUU
SKEEE
THE FIVE-YEAR WAR BETWEEN BARJACK AND THE GROUND FORCES OF TIPHARES WAS ABOUT TO REACH ITS CLIMAX!
SKEEK

BARJACK CHRONICLES

Fight 5: Death's Embrace


ANTI-TIPHARES WEAPON
80 cm GIANT TRAIN CANNON
LENGTH 45 m WIDTH 12 m HEIGHT 15.5 m
TOTAL WEIGHT 1400 TONS (EXCLUDING TRAIN AND BASE)

AMAZING!
KACHIK
KACHIK
THEY SURE MADE ONE *MOTHER* OF A GUN!
HEY, REPORTER MAN, MAKE SURE YOU GET A LOT OF PICTURES! THIS IS A DAY THAT'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY!
WOOOM
DON'T I KNOW IT!
HEY, MR BUICK, TAKE A PICTURE OF ME! *ME!*
VRRRMMM
HEY THERE, KOYOMI!
YOU'RE ALWAYS PHOTO-GENIC!
C'MON, FURY, SHAPE UP!

KACHIK
HEH
TODAY, THE FUTURE BEGINS.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I KEEP DWELLING ON THE PAST...
THREE YEARS AGO, I WAS CAPTURED BY BARJACK...AND MY DESTINY CHANGED.
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU WERE A SCRAPYARD REPORTER?
MMPH! MMPH!
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE HIM AS A PROPA-GANDIST

AND SO I BECAME A "SPECIAL PRISONER" AND WAS TOLD TO RECORD BARJACK'S BATTLES
WHEN THE SKY IS HIGH, EMOTIONS CHANGE.
I BECAME A DIFFERENT MAN.
WOO-HOO! THIS IS GREAT!
BRATTA BRATTA
DON'T GET COCKY!

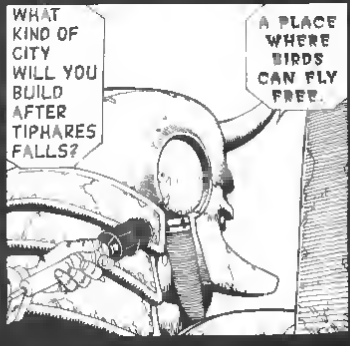
WHAT DID YOU DO BEFORE BARJACK?
I WAS A BRIGAND!
HOBBIES?
WHADOYA THINK!? KILLIN' PEOPLE!

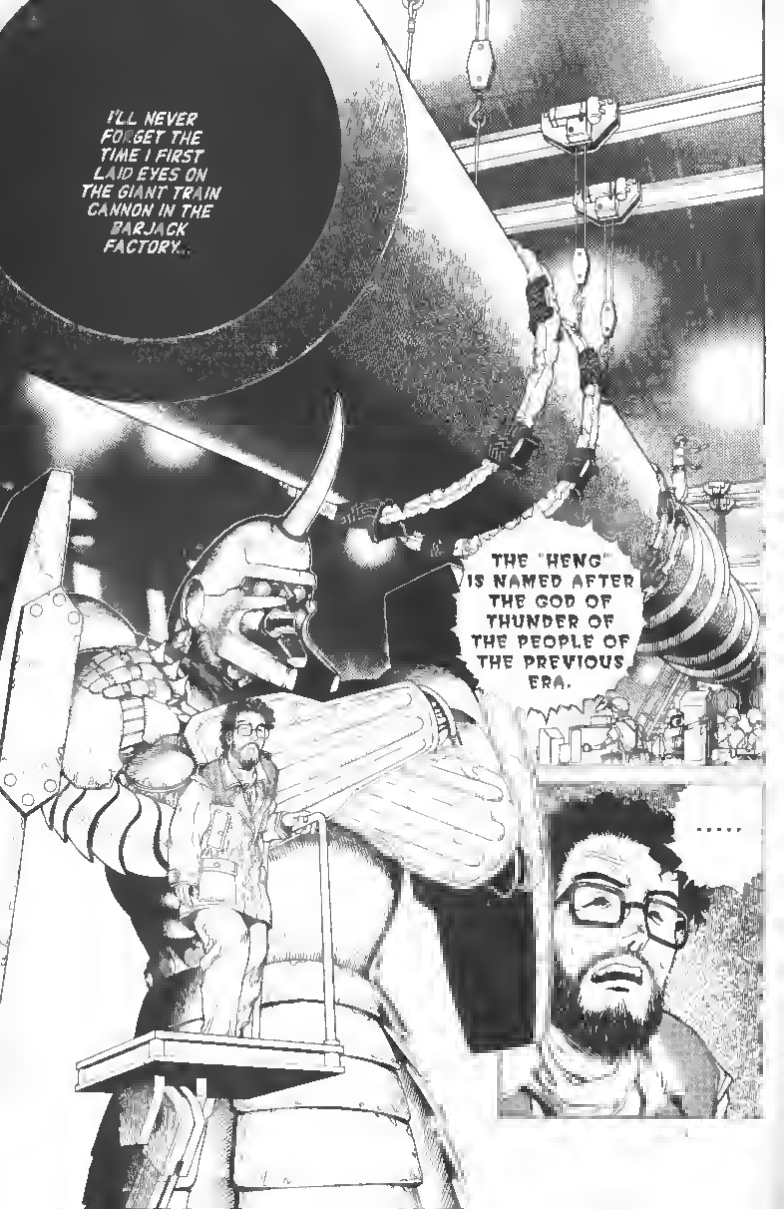
WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THESE GUNS?
REPLICAS BASED ON GUNS FOUND IN THE RUINS
THE BULLETS WERE THE TOUGH PART
I'M GOING TO DESIGN MY OWN GUN S'ON...

THE TIPHAREANS ARE REALLY INVADERS FROM PLANET RETICULE--AND THEY MUST BE STOPPED.
DON'T YOU AGREE?

ANYTHING TO SHARE?
TIPHARES, GIVE US BACK OUR FIELDS--OUR LIVES!

AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF DYING?
YEAH, I AM.
BUT LORD DEN SAYS MY DEATH WON'T BE IN VAIN.


WHAT KIND OF CITY WILL YOU BUILD AFTER TIPHARES FALLS?
A PLACE WHERE BIRDS CAN FLY FREE.


I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME I FIRST LAID EYES ON THE GIANT TRAIN CANNON IN THE BARJACK FACTORY...
THE "HENG" IS NAMED AFTER THE GOD OF THUNDER OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PREVIOUS ERA.
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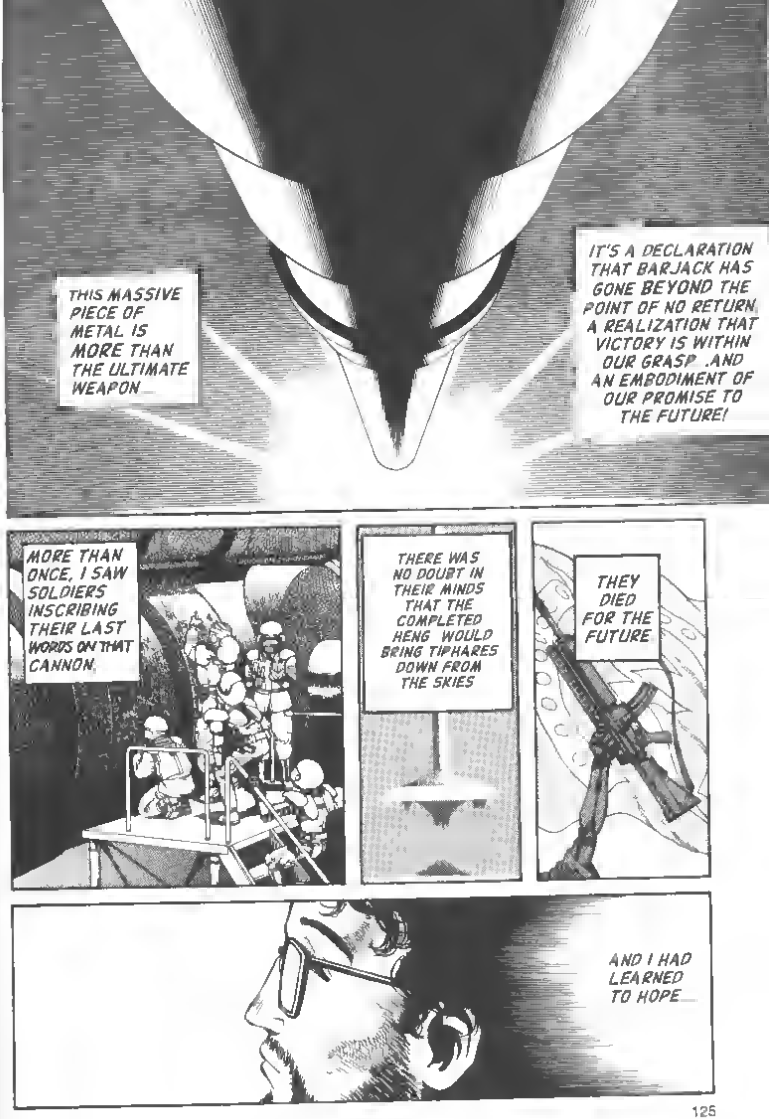
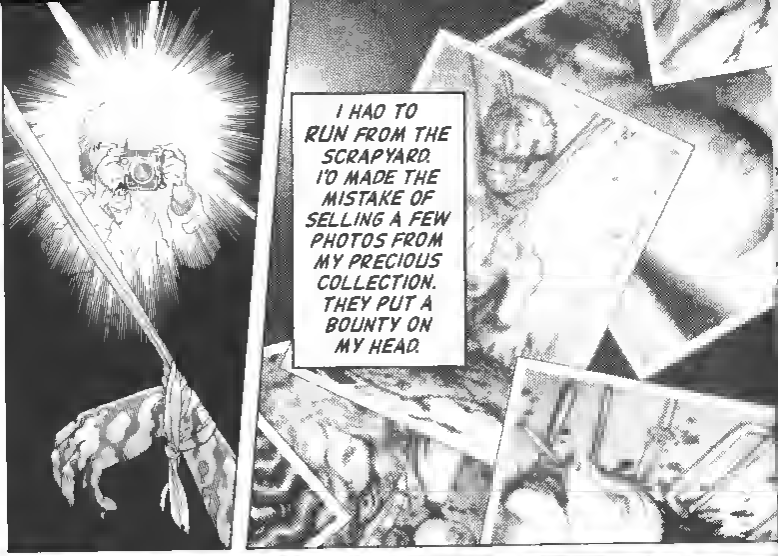

THIS MASSIVE PIECE OF METAL IS MORE THAN THE ULTIMATE WEAPON...
IT'S A DECLARATION THAT BARJACK HAS GONE BEYOND THE POINT OF NO RETURN. A REALIZATION THAT VICTORY IS WITHIN OUR GRASP ..AND AN EMBODIMENT OF OUR PROMISE TO THE FUTURE!
MORE THAN ONCE, I SAW SOLDIERS INSCRIBING THEIR LAST WORDS ON THAT CANNON.
THERE WAS NO DOUBT IN THEIR MINDS THAT THE COMPLETED HENG WOULD BRING TIPHARES DOWN FROM THE SKIES
THEY DIED FOR THE FUTURE
AND I HAD LEARNED TO HOPE...

BUT ONE NIGHT, TWO WEEKS AGO, I BEHELD AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT

A LONE GIRL... BEAUTIFUL CLAD IN A WHITE DRESS HOLDING HER OWN AGAINST THE UNDEFEATED DEN

THE ANGEL OF DEATH FROM TIPHARES !
I JUST WANTED TO SEE HER AGAIN, UP CLOSE...
WHY DO YOU ASK?
ALITA?
YEAH, SHE LOOKS IMMATURE, BUT SHE'S WAY COOL!
EVEN IF SHE IS THE ENEMY NOW
I GET IT -- YOU FELL FOR HER, DIDN'T YOU?

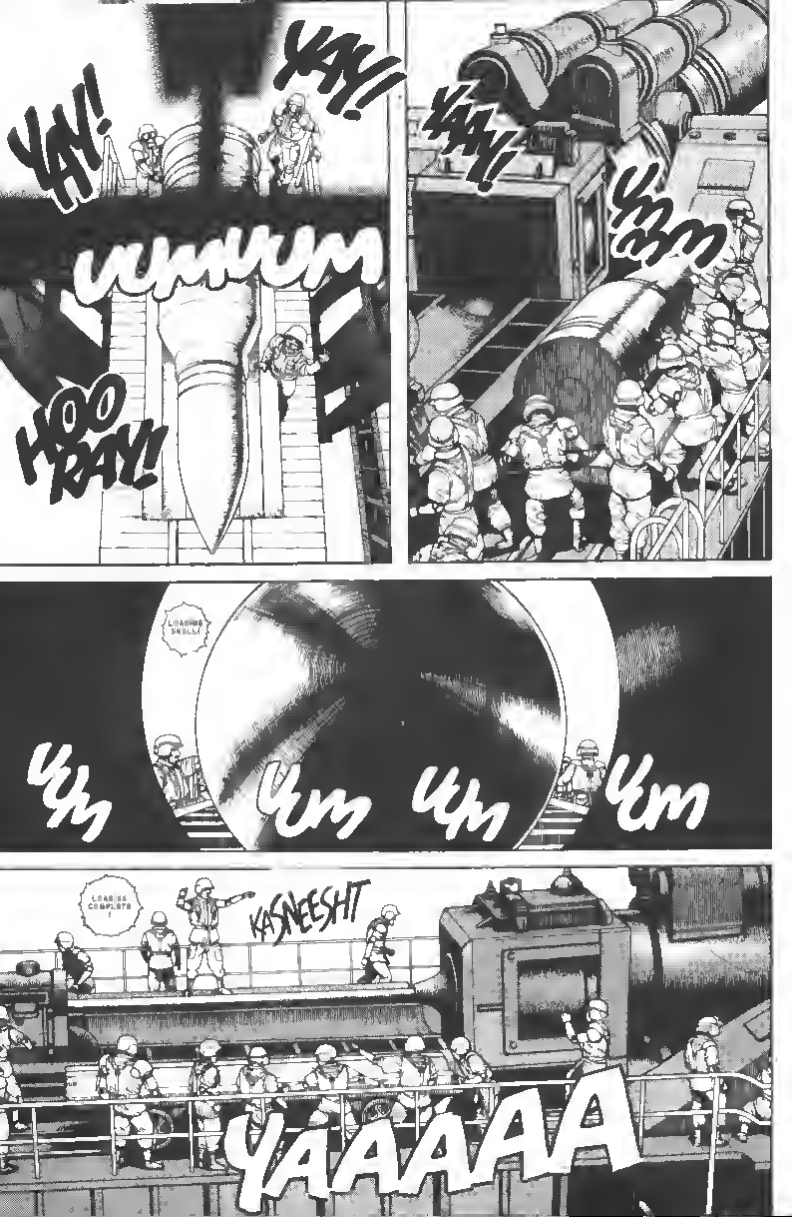
THAT'S RIGHT...I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE GIRL IN THE WHITE DRESS.
SHE HAS REIGNITED FLAMES OF DESIRE I HAVE SO LONG FORGOTTEN...
MY PAST -- IT'S A LIE. I WAS NEVER A REPORTER IN THE SCRAPYARD.

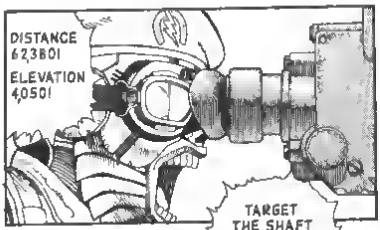

I HAD TO RUN FROM THE SCRAPYARD. I'D MADE THE MISTAKE OF SELLING A FEW PHOTOS FROM MY PRECIOUS COLLECTION. THEY PUT A BOUNTY ON MY HEAD.

NOW I DREAM OF THE ANGEL...
...AND WHAT OUR LOVE WOULD BE LIKE!

I...
I'M SUCH...
...A TERRIBLE MAN!
CONTROLLED BY PERVERSE, SELFISH DESIRES...
...I'VE NO *RIGHT* TO MARCH UNDER THIS FLAG AND THE IDEALS IT STANDS FOR!

I WANT TO BECOME SOMETHING GREATER THAN THIS . !
WHY SIGN UP TO BECOME A CYBORG MISSILE?
BRATTA
BRATTAA
KABOOM
I THOUGHT THAT EVEN A LOWLIFE LIKE ME COULD DO SOMETHING USEFUL.
AND NOW I WILL !
BLAZOOM
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THE BRAINS OF THE INJURED SOLDIERS INTO THE SHELL THE GIANT CANNON WILL FIRE?
EACH OF THEM WISHED FOR AN HONORABLE END!
THEIR HOPES WILL BRING TIPHARES DOWN!


YAY!
YAY!
UUUUUM
HOO RAY!
YAY!
UUUUM
LOADING SHELL!
UM
UM
UM
UM
LOADED COMPLETE
KASKEESHT
YAAAAA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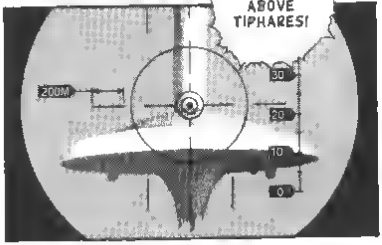
TARGET THE SHAFT ABOVE TIPHARES!
200M
30
20
10
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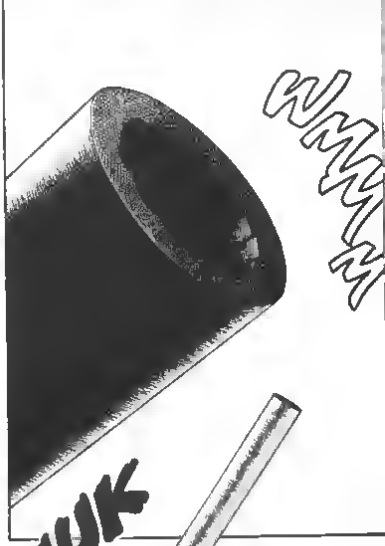
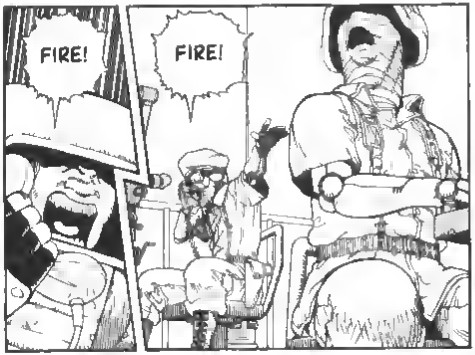
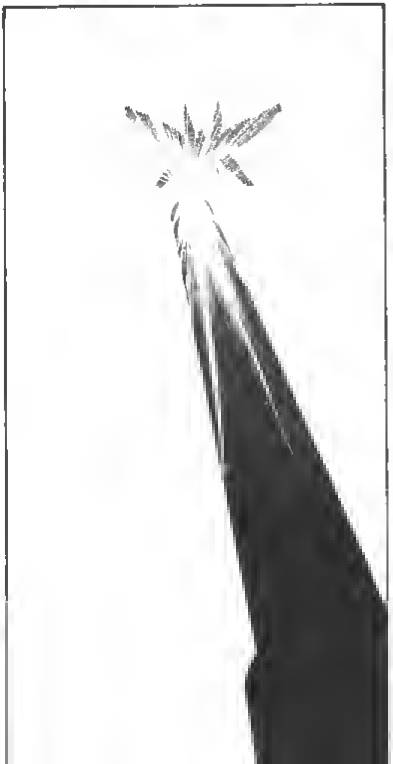

WMMM

CHUK
YAAAAAAA

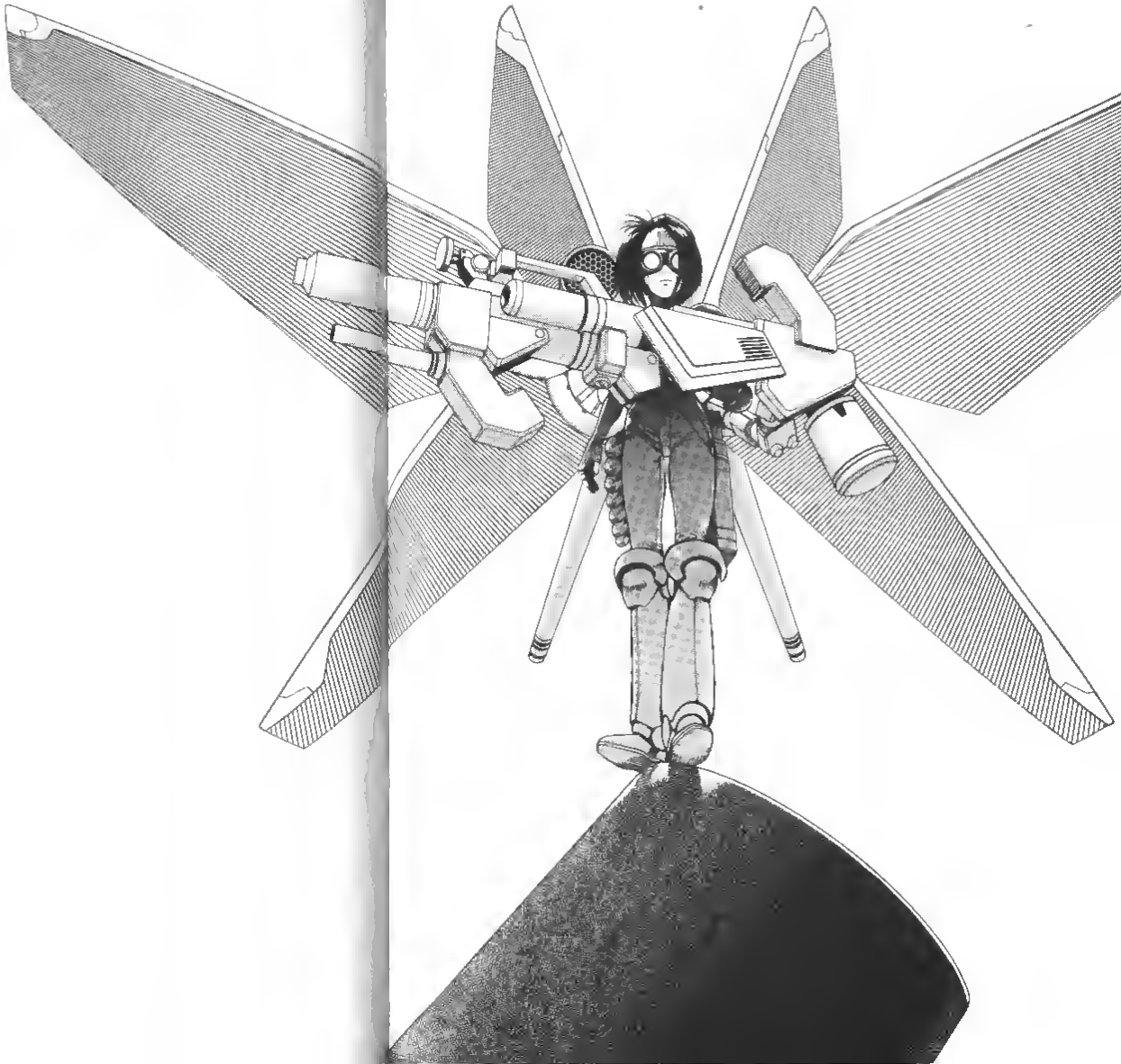
GO!
GO!
GO!
GO!
GO!
THIS IS THE MOMENT -- CAPTURED FOR ETERNITY!
OHH, HENG!
CHIK
CHIK
THE CANNON IS READY TO FIRE!
GAWOOM
GOOD!
BLAM
TIPHARES! FOR THE FIRST TIME, KNOW WHAT IT IS TO FEAR!
FIRE!


FIRE!
FIRE!

HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER !?
CH-CHIEF... LOOK !



AH...!
TH-THAT'S--!



YOU HAVE NO HOPE OF VICTORY
SURRENDER YOURSELVES!
A-ALITA..!? NO!
THE ANGEL OF DEATH OF TIPHARES...

FAYOOOM
NEXT TIME I'LL SHOOT... WITHOUT HESITATION!
ALITA... I LIKE YOU A LOT...
...BUT I'VE PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE FOR MASTER DEN...!
GAROOO!
HUH? FURY ?
GRRR
ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S NOT ALITA ..!?

KACHIK
WHY DID SHE HAVE TO SHOW UP NOW !?
KACHIK KACHIK
PLEASE DON'T TEMPT MY SOUL! DON'T DISRUPT THIS FESTIVAL!
NO MATTER! FIRE!
Y-YESSIR !
!
FOOOSH

BU
BOOM

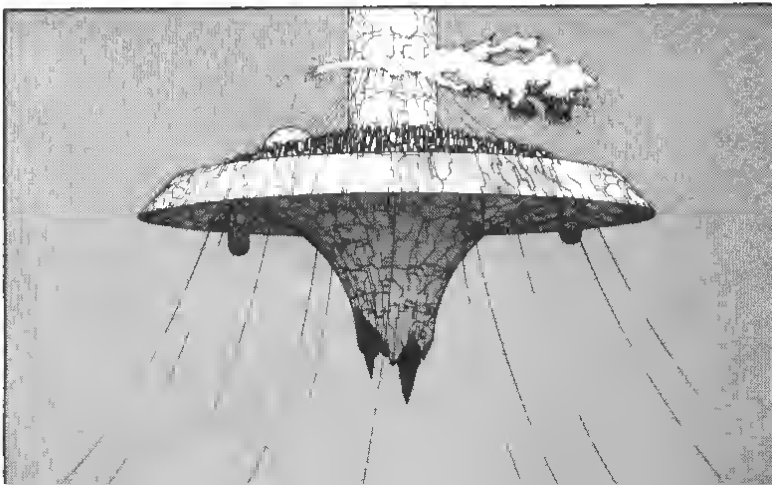
OOO MMM
.....

W..
AHH...
OH...
WOOOOO
GO!
THE SHELL IS ON TARGET!

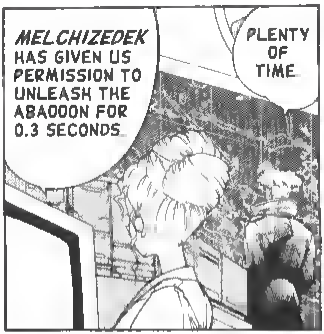
BLAST TIPHARES OUT OF THE SKY!

HOOO

WHAT IS
WH-WHAT HAPPENED IS
OOOOH
DIDN'T IT HIT!?
LOOK! TIPHARES AIN'T EVEN SCRATCHED!
IT'S NOT FAIR!
LOAD THE NEXT ROUND!



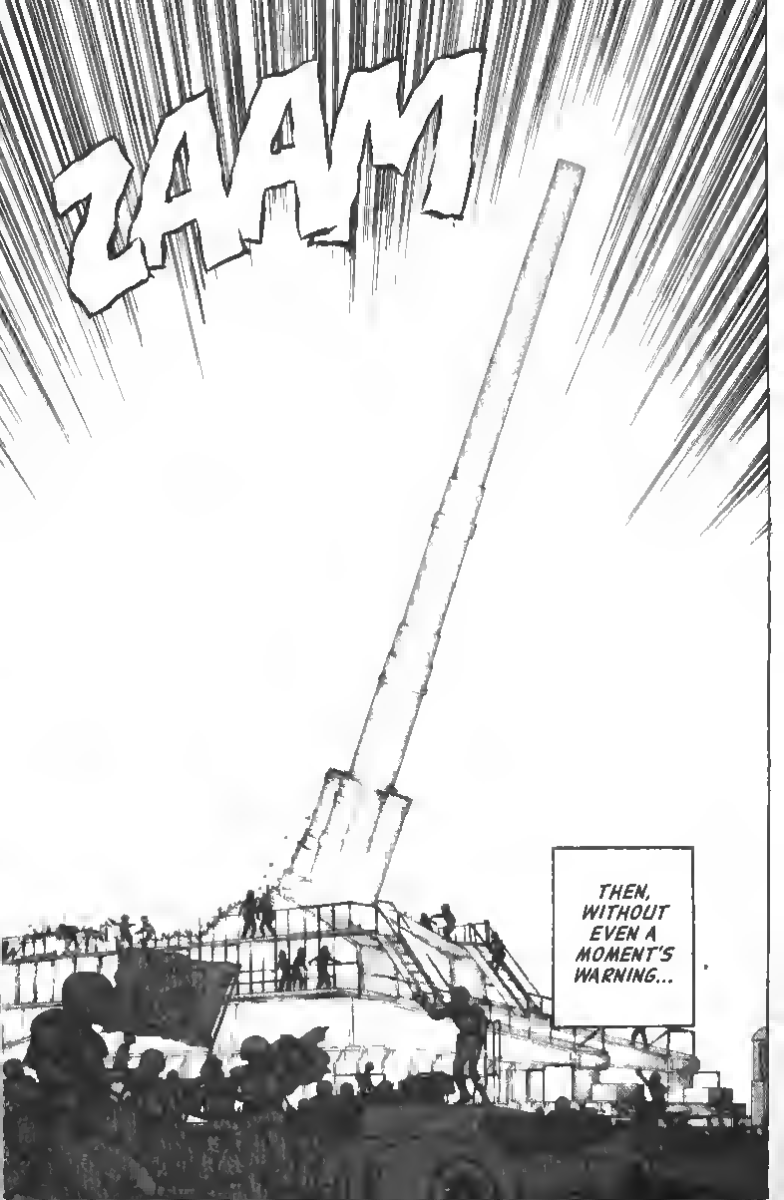
STUPID LITTLE INSECTS!
OID THEY SERIOUSLY THINK TIPHARES WAS JUST HANGING HERE DEFENSELESS !?


MELCHIZEDEK HAS GIVEN US PERMISSION TO UNLEASH THE ABAOOON FOR 0.3 SECONDS
PLENTY OF TIME

TARGET ENEMY MOBILE CANNON!
TARGET CONFIRMED

THROUGH DEATH, YOU WILL LEARN YOUR PLACE!

THM THM THM
SCALAR ELECTROMAGNETIC WEAPON
"ABADDON":
THE SUPER-DEFENSIVE WEAPON OF TIPHARES... NORMALLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF TIPHARES' CENTRAL SUPERCOMPUTER "MELCHIZEDEK" THE ABADDON MANIPULATES SCALAR WAVES TO STRIKE DISTANT TARGETS WITH TREMENDOUS ENERGY THAT CAN'T BE DEFLECTED BY PHYSICAL MEANS SOVIET SCIENTIST NIKOLA TESLA FIRST THEORIZED THAT THESE WAVES OF MAGNETO-GRAVITON ENERGY EXISTED IN THE AIR AND THE FORMER SOVIET UNION WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING A WEAPON BASED ON TESLA'S THEORIES NICKNAMED THE "BARISHAGAN TIGER"
ZA ZA ZA


ZAAM
THEN, WITHOUT EVEN A MOMENT'S WARNING...

...THE GIANT TRAIN CANNON "HENG" INSTANTLY BECAME A MOLTEN PILE OF STEEL AND ITS SIX REMAINING SHELLS EXPLODED
SKA BAM
NOT A SINGLE PERSON KNEW WHAT HIT THEM...
LORD DEN! WE JUST LOST CONTACT WITH THE HENG!
BOOM
!!

SSSS
SSSS
SNOOP
BZ
YAHAHA, IT'S BURNING... MELTING.. OUR ONLY CHANCE
KACHIK
KACHIK
KACHIK
KACHIK
KACHIK

IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
KACHIK
KACHIK
TO SEE HOPE DIE-- AHHH! MY BRAIN-- NUMB WITH BEAUTY!
HAHAHAHA!
KACHIK
NOW I KNOW...
DESTRUCTION IS BEAUTY! I WAS A FOOL TO THINK I COULD DREAM...
...LIKE A NORMAL MAN...
Tupup
SO HOT...
MARON
H-HELP ME...
BAH
BAH
BAH
BEEEEEZZZZ

HAHAHA-
HAHAHA!
BRATTA
DAMN
YOU
!
SOLID
WING!
WOON

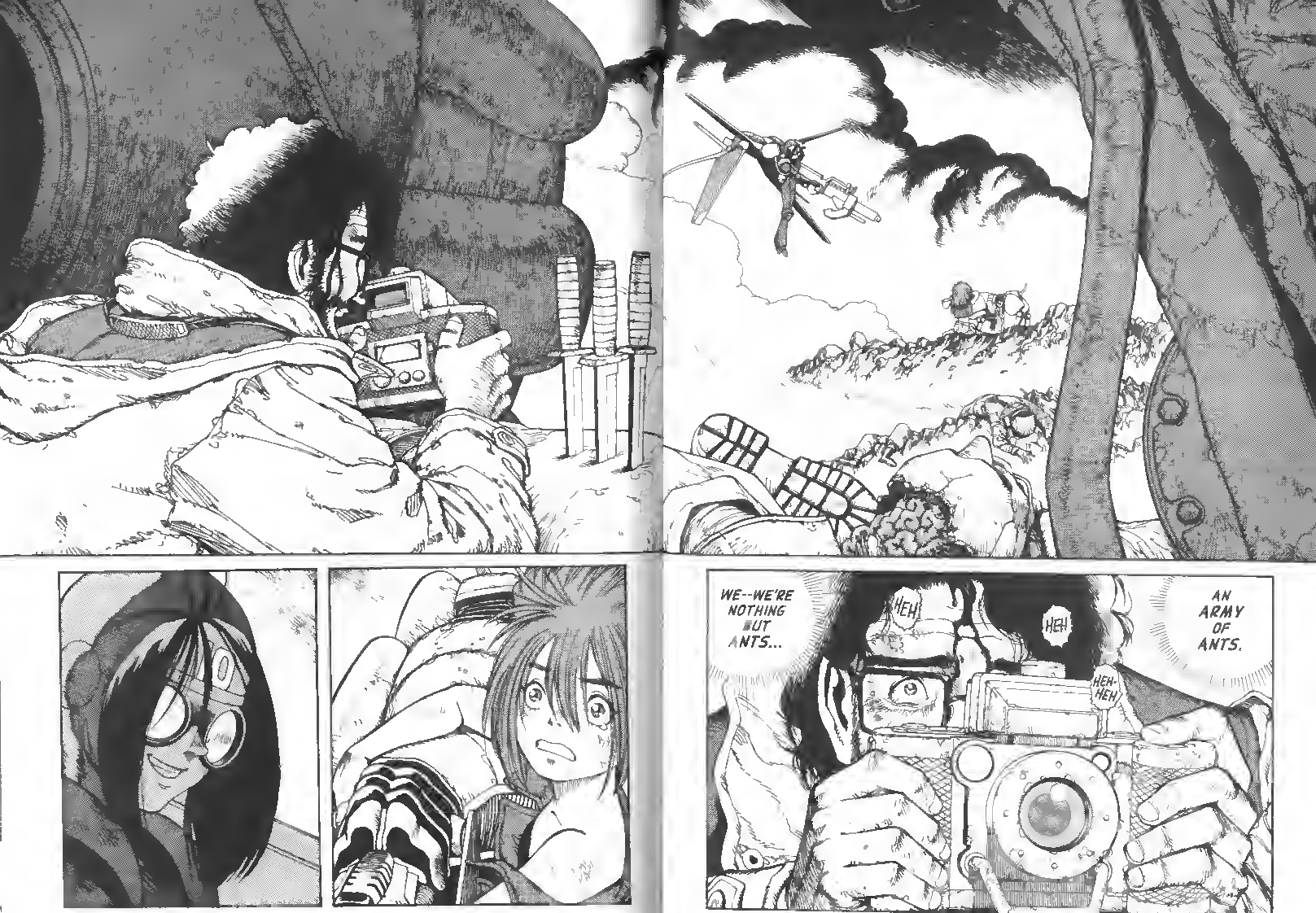
BOSH
BOSH
!?
THE SHELLS-- DEFLECTED !?
SOLID WING
ONE OF THE NEWEST TUNED EQUIPMENT. USING THE SAME SCALAR TECHNOLOGY AS THE ABADDON. THE WAVE GENERATED BY THIS UNIT PRODUCES A "HUTCHINSON EFFECT." THIS BOTH ENABLES THE TUNED AGENT TO FLY AND ALSO FUNCTIONS AS A SHIELD AGAINST SMALL-ARMS FIRE. THE SOLID WING CAN ALSO DESTROY A UNIT UP TO 20 METERS AWAY
WOOM
BAKOOM
TOOH

W-WHERE'S THE HENG...!?
HELLO!?
MR. DOROTABO!?
STMPR
OWW HOT
WRF
ブーン
ブーン

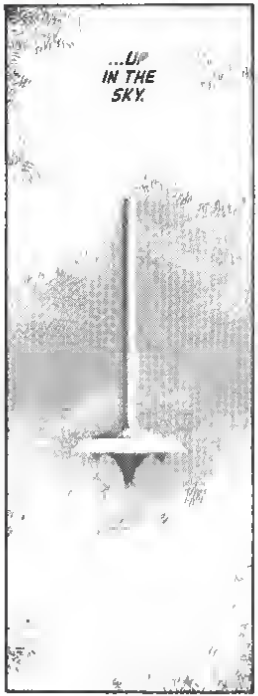
GRRR!
ZING
ZAAN
CHING
PIK
POK
BADOOK
BOOM
FURY
!

NO, FURY! PLEASE DON'T DIE!
SLURP
YOU LOOK SO... CUTE, KOYOMI.
KACHI
KACHI
KACHI
HEE HEE HEE
OH !

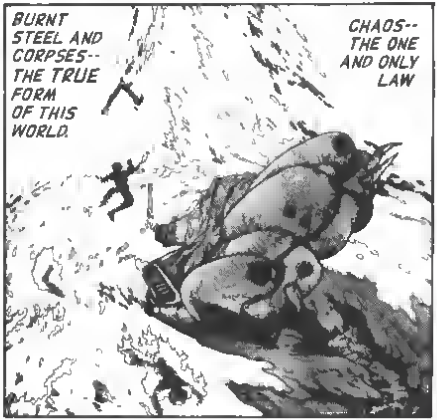
I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE...EVEN *MORE* BEAUTY..


WE--WE'RE NOTHING BUT ANTS...
HEH!
HEH
HEH-HEH
AN ARMY OF ANTS.

WE LIVE AND DIE, OVER AND OVER AGAIN— ALWAYS UNDER THEIR CONTROL!
NOTHING CHANGES CHANGE IS BEYOND OUR REACH...


...UP IN THE SKY.

BUT HERE? ONLY BURNT STEEL


BURNT STEEL AND CORPSES-- THE TRUE FORM OF THIS WORLD.
CHAOS-- THE ONE AND ONLY LAW

AN AMAZING DREAM A GREAT INSIGHT BUT--WHAT WAS IT?
I HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT WAS. IN THE BLUR OF SMOKE..
I NO LONGER WANT TO BE A MAN..
I AM NOTHING BUT A BLOODTHIRSTY LENS!
AN EYE THAT FEEDS ON DEATH!
SPILL HER BLOOD!
KILL THE GIRL!

DEMON!
BITCH!
ALITA, YOU-- YOU'RE HORRIBLE!
POP
POP
"ALITA"?
YOU KNOW THE A-12
HUH..!?
SO SHE IS A FAKE...!
GRR...

WHAT ARE YOU!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REAL ALITA!?
THE A-I HAS OUT-LIVED HER USEFUL-NESS
SHE WILL BE... RETIRED!
...FAILURE IN A MISSION.. OR POSSIBLY DEATH...
JASMINE WAS RIGHT...!
GROWR!
FURY!

FWOOSH
KUNK
STOP IT!
GHAA!
KRUNCH

DIE.
!
SQUEE
DO IT! OH...

EXCUSE ME, MISS "ANGEL OF DEATH OF TIPHARES"!
CAN I GET A VICTORY INTERVIEW FROM YOU?
!?
WH-WHAT AM I DOING..?
TMP
TMP
WHAT DO YOU DO ON YOUR DAYS OFF?
IDIOT, HIDE! YOU'LL GET YOURSELF SHOT!
TMP.
CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR MEASURE-MENTS?

LOOK OUT, MR. BUICK !
SHASH
TOOSH
BAKOOM
CHOOM
?
HUH ?

HOO-BOY...
KACHIK KACHIK
KACHIK
...I'VE BEEN SHOT!
WHAT AN HONOR! SHOT BY THE ANGEL OF DEATH!
SHOOT ME SOME MORE!
!?
CONTROL! THE SUPERSONIC ARMOR-PIERCING ROUNDS ARE NO GOOD SWITCH OVER TO THE LOW VELOCITY ANTI-PERSONNEL SHELLS!
OKAY, HOLD ON A..
TAKKA TAK
VOOSH
GRRK

ZEEEEEEE

GYAAAH!
GWRRRRRR
AH...
AGH...
G...
G...
GO FOR IT, FURY!
BOOSH
BOOSH
FWIP
TWIP
GLAAH!

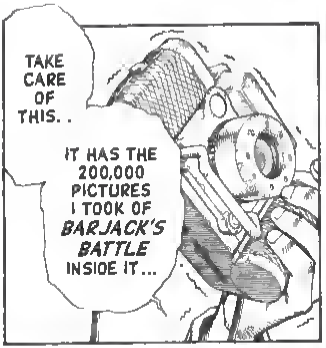
KICK THAT TIPHAREAN ROBOT'S BUTT!

SKORSK

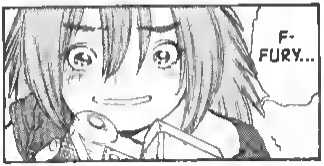
AAAAGH!
Shsssh

SKORSK

BLSH
shaaaa
shwaaa
DID YOU GET IT, MR. BUICK!?
MY FURY BEAT THAT STUPID ANDROID FROM TIPHARES!
I... GOT IT...
FLUMP
MR. BUICK !


TAKE CARE OF THIS..
IT HAS THE 200,000 PICTURES I TOOK OF BARJACK'S BATTLE INSIDE IT...

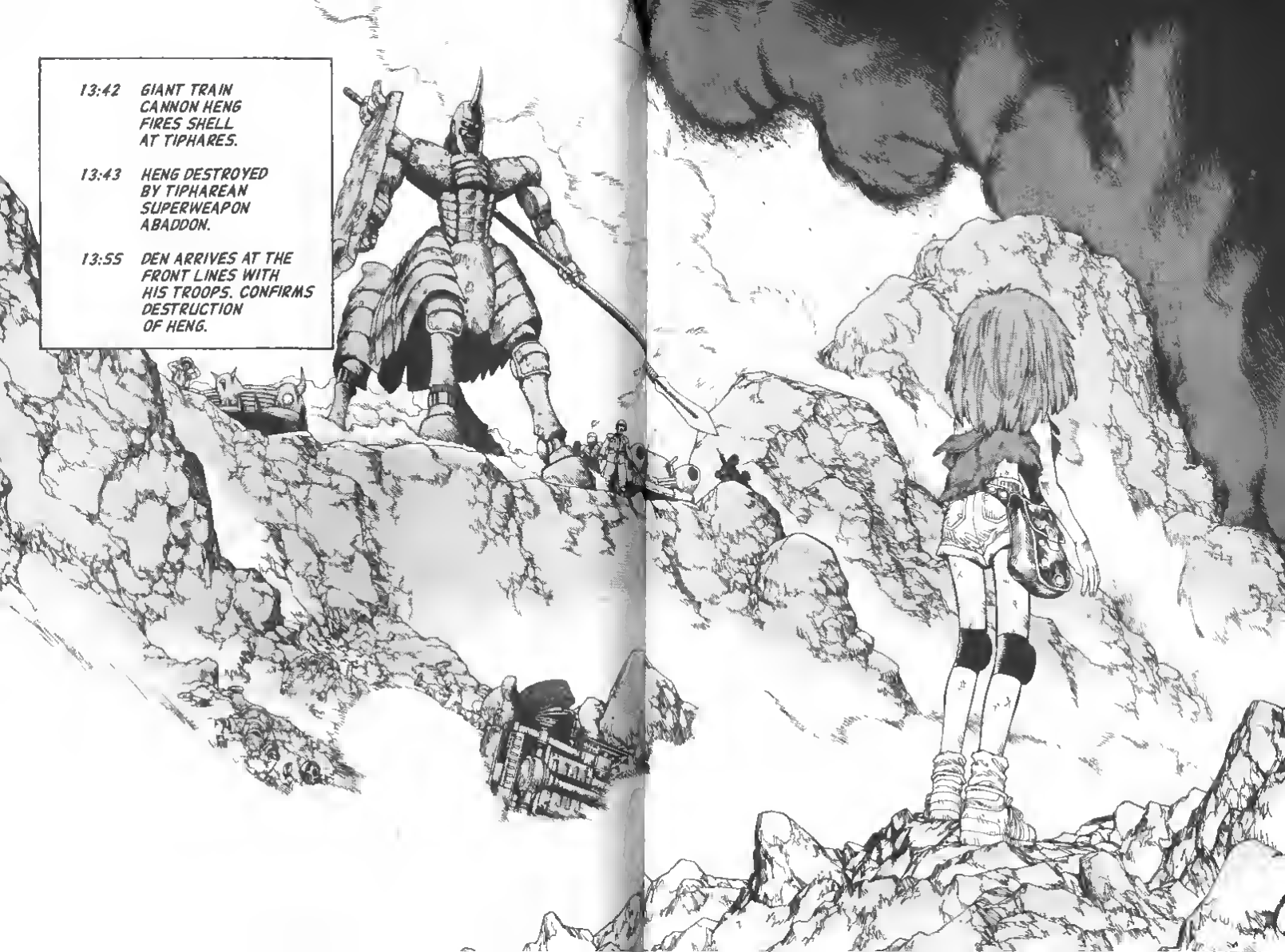
HE WAS JUST A SENILE OLD DOG THAT SLEPT ALL THE TIME...
BUT HE WAS... MY ONLY REAL FAMILY..


F-FURY...

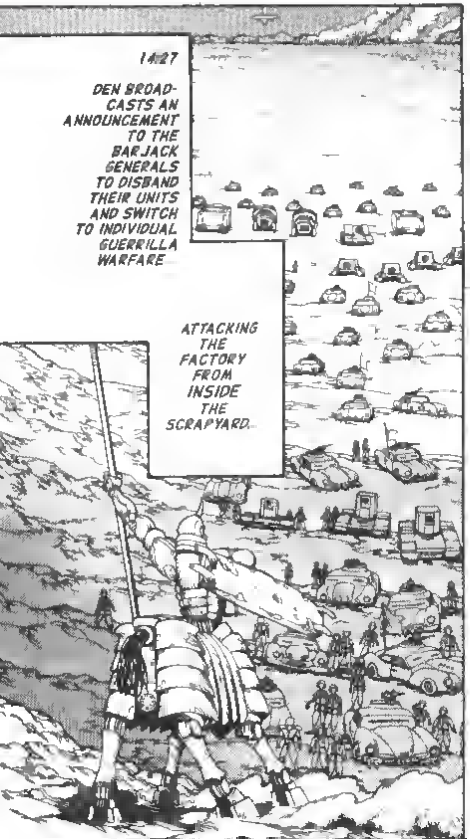
HEH, HEH.. CAN NEVER FIGURE PEOPLE OUT..
BUT THESE

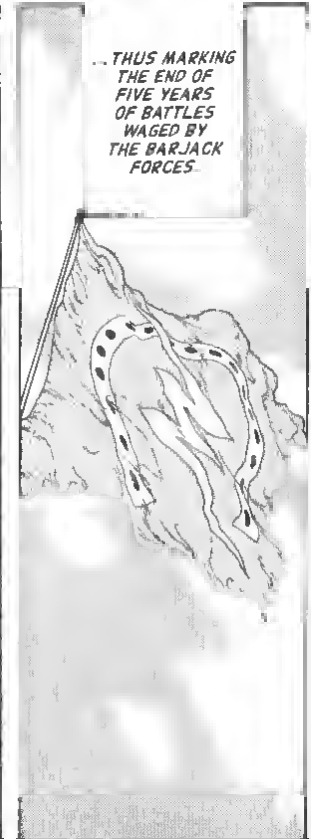
...LAST THREE YEARS SURE WERE FUN...

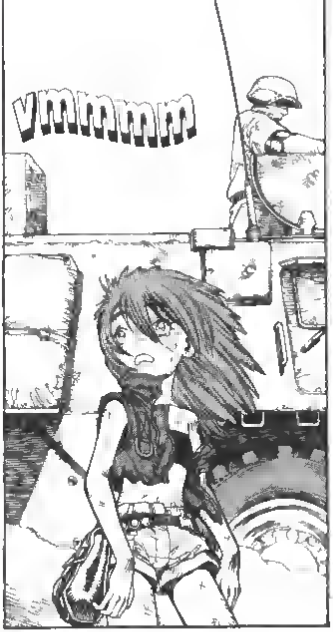
MR. BUICK !


13:42 GIANT TRAIN CANNON HENG FIRES SHELL AT TIPHARES.
13:43 HENG DESTROYED BY TIPHAREAN SUPERWEAPON ABADDON.
13:55 DEN ARRIVES AT THE FRONT LINES WITH HIS TROOPS. CONFIRMS DESTRUCTION OF HENG.

NOW THAT I'VE LOST THE MEANS TO ATTACK TIPHARES DIRECTLY...ANY MORE BATTLES WOULD BE MEANINGLESS...


14:27
DEN BROADCASTS AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE BARJACK GENERALS TO DISBAND THEIR UNITS AND SWITCH TO INDIVIDUAL GUERRILLA WARFARE.
ATTACKING THE FACTORY FROM INSIDE THE SCRAPYARD.


...THUS MARKING THE END OF FIVE YEARS OF BATTLES WAGED BY THE BARJACK FORCES.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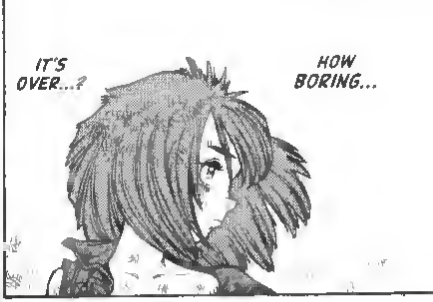
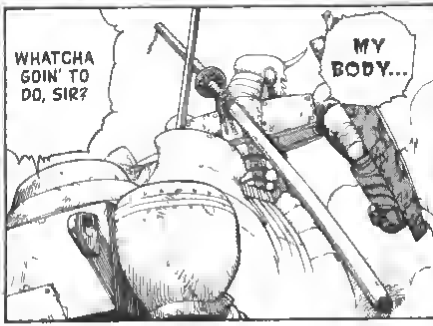
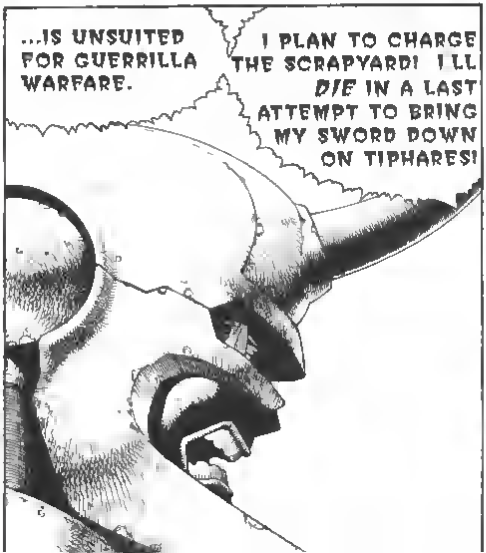

IT'S OVER...?
HOW BORING...


WHATCHA GOIN' TO DO, SIR?
MY BODY...


...IS UNSUITED FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE.
I PLAN TO CHARGE THE SCRAPYARD! I'LL *DIE* IN A LAST ATTEMPT TO BRING MY SWORD DOWN ON TIPHARES!

TAKE ME WITH YOU, LORD DEN!

.....
YOU'LL DIE...

I ALWAYS WANTED TO GO OUT WITH A BIG BANG!
FEH! VERY WELL.
LET US DELIVER OUR LAST BATTLE TO TIPHARES!
TOOM

FIREFLY !
VUUUUU
FWOOSH
※ FIREFLY
ONE OF THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OF THE TUNED. THE FIREFLY UNLEASHES A FIVE-SECOND SPHERICAL PLASMA BURST. THEN BURNS AWAY. USED TO OPEN TUNNELS AND IN CLOSE-RANGE COMBAT. THE FIREFLY CAN ALSO GENERATE AN ECM (ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES) FIELD FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
FWOOSH

OUROBOROS

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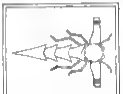
OH ?
HER CATECHOLAMINE* LEVELS HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY! AN EMOTIONAL WRECK A FEW MINUTES AGO, NOW SHE'S COMBAT READY. A LOADED GUN READY TO FIRE WHAT ASTONISHING CONCENTRATION AND WILLPOWER !
GUESS IT'S EASY FOR A MACHINE !
HMPH !
I HAVE A BIT OF NEWS FOR YOU, A-1. WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS, THE BARJACK WERE ELIMINATED.
UUWAASH
.....
I SEE.

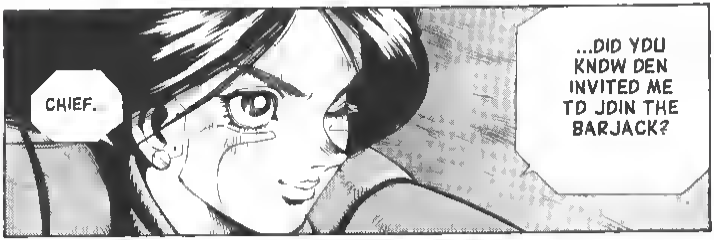
*CATECHOLAMINES: A GROUP OF CHEMICALLY RELATED HORMONES AND NEUROTRANSMITTERS (DOPAMINE, EPINEPHRINE, NOREPINEPHRINE AND OTHERS) RESPONSIBLE FOR EMOTIONAL RESPONSES.

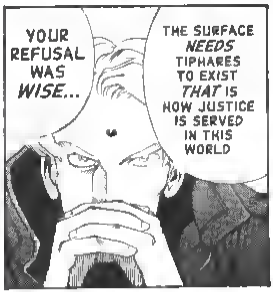
AH! LOOKS LIKE ALITA HAS FINALLY COME TO DEFEAT ME.
ALITA !
WELL, SHE'S A PRO. MADE HER ENTRANCE GUESSING THE PLAYHOUSE WAS BOOBY TRAPPED.
AND I WENT TO SO MUCH TROUBLE...
I'VE LOST HER POSITION.
BAZARLO!
YES, MASTER !
OH, ALITA... RESCUE ME FROM THIS HELL!
KOYOMI...
FWASH



*LASER BUG

THIS WEAPON CONVERTS THE TUNED COMMUNICATION INTO A LASER AND RELAYS IT TO TIPHARES. IT CAN ALSO BE USED AS AN ECM DEVICE





BROOM
FNNGH!
FOUND HER!
I REPEAT, A-I...
SKREE
YOUR MISSION IS TO CAPTURE PROFESSOR NOVA ALIVE.
YOU ARE NOT TO KILL HIM
I'D LIKE TO COMPLY, BUT I HAVE THIS FEELING I'LL REFLEXIVELY SHOOT HIM...
I'LL LOCK YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM BEFORE YOU DO!
HAH HAH
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE WHO'S FASTER.
WOOO
THIS WIND? WHA--

GLOOSH
YAAH!
SKREEEE

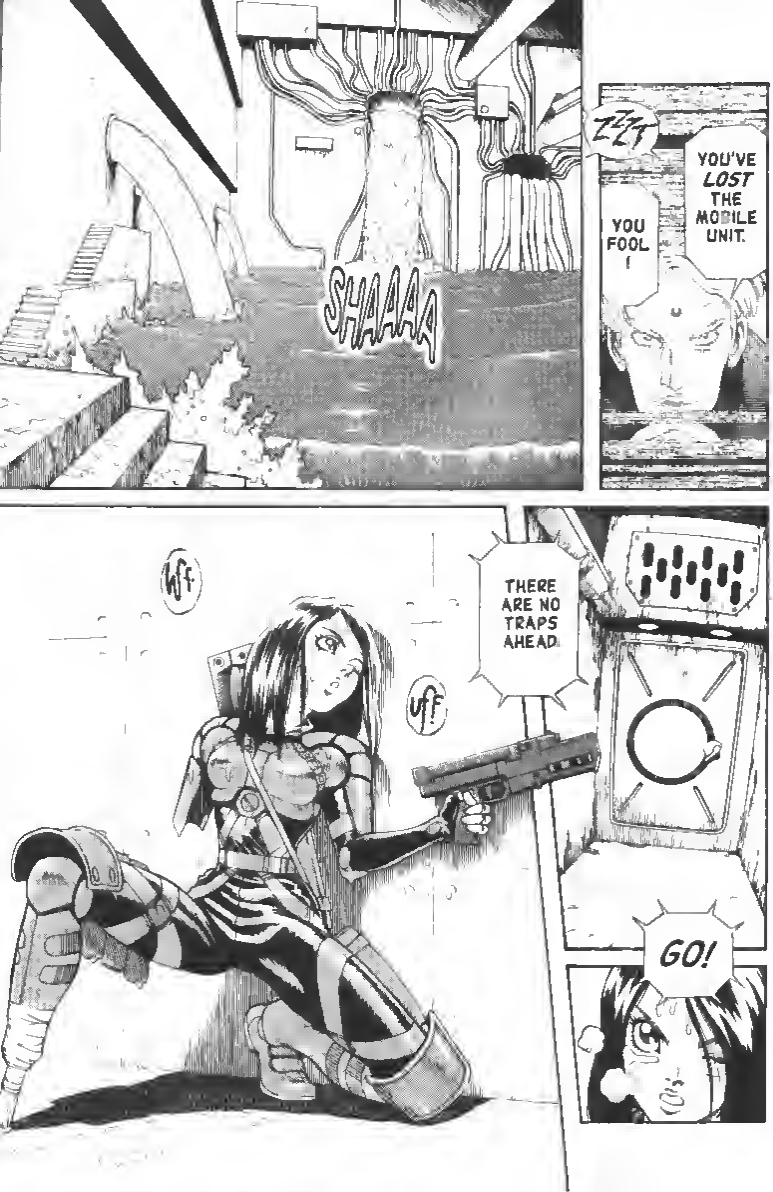
BLMBLMBLMBLM
DAMN!

PUWA-HAHA! CALM DOWN, A-I-..
QUIT LAUGHING!

AH! OH, NO...

SPOOSH
AAAH
SPLASHH
GLUPGA
GLUR GLUR

YOUR HATRED OF TIPHARES IS AS GREAT AS MY OWN!
ARMORED DEN—
...AND FRAIL KAOS!
EVER SINCE I MET YOU...
--MADLY *FIGHTING* AGAINST MY METAL SELF!
..I CAN *FEEL* THE PART OF ME THAT'S FLESH AND BLOOD--
WHICH IS THE *REAL* ME!?
WHICH ONE !?
TEZT


SHAAA
YOU FOOL!
YOU'VE LOST THE MOBILE UNIT.
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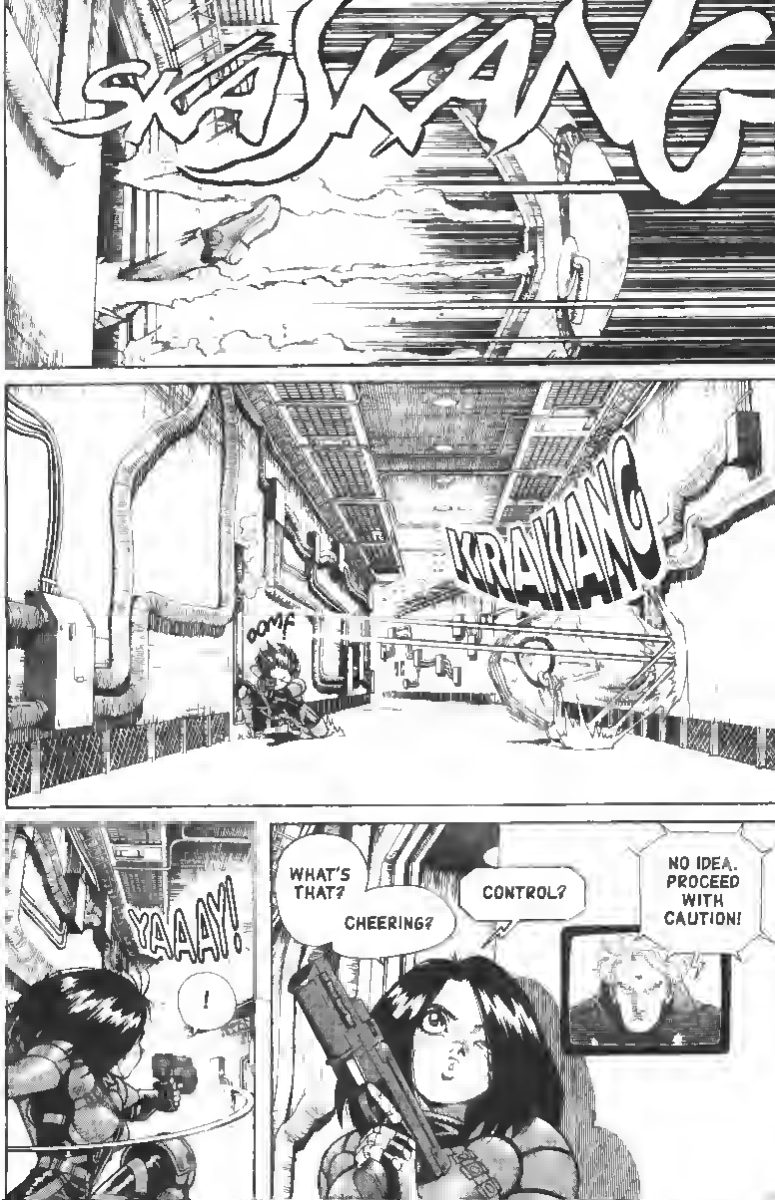
THERE ARE NO TRAPS AHEAD.
GO!


SKA SKANG
KRAKANG
OOMF
YAAAY!
!
WHAT'S THAT?
CHEERING?
CONTROL?
NO IDEA. PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

STRANGE! SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE.
!
THIS CORRIDOR... I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE!
AAAA!

HOORAY!
SO NOSTALGIC... THE SMELL OF THE BURNING OIL
THE MIND RATTLING CHEERS OF THE CROWD THIS IS--!
ALITA!
ALITA!
OOORAY!

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
...ALITA!

J-JASHUGAN!
IT'S A SHOWDOWN!
THE VICTOR OF THIS ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE WILL BE THE *UNDISPUTED* MOTORBALL CHAMPION!
WOO! HOO!
YAAY!
HUH !?
I--?!
LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU'VE *GROWN* IN THE LAST TWELVE YEARS!
SHASHT

BOOM
UNGH !
SKRATEEK
.....
YOU... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
CHOK
TWOK
TONK
—DEAD !?
TSK!

WHOOOM
-IZZZ
SKREEEEEEER
KAWD
SO STRONG!
B-BUT HOW CAN...!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER!?
AT THIS RATE, YOU WON'T BEAT ME FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!

DO YOU HAVE... DOUBTS...?
JASHUGAN...
WHY DID YOU DIE!?
THERE WAS SO MUCH MORE I WANTED TO LEARN FROM YOU...!

PLENTY OF TIME TO LEARN MORE, ALITA...
...IF YOU FIGHT ME!

YOU'RE ON!

YAAAAY!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
COME IN, A-I!
TAKKA TAKKA
YAAAAA
DAMN! ALL OF THE TUNED FUNCTIONS HAVE FROZEN UP!
KYAHAHA! I'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR ALITA!
ZZZSSS!
NOVA !
I'VE HACKED INTO HER SENSES USING YOUR DIGITAL COM-LINK! SHE'S DREAMING-- EXACTLY WHAT I WANT HER TO DREAM!
AS WE SPEAK, SHE'S ABOUT TO DO BATTLE WITH A MOST FORMIDABLE OPPONENT!

AH! ALITA'S BRAIN--SUCH A NICE SUBJECT FOR EXPERI-MENTS!
BLUB
BLUBLUB
OH, NO! ALITA!
I'M IMPRESSED, PROFESSOR NOVA! IT'S NOT A SIMPLE FEAT TO HACK INTO THE TUNED COM-LINES!
IF A-I IS TO YOUR LIKING, YOU CAN HAVE HER...
YOU'RE THE GREATEST MIND TIPHARES EVER HAD!
I WANT TO INVITE YOU BACK--AS A VERY HONORED GUEST!

WEN
FOR GOD'S SAKE!
ALITA! WAKE UP!
SHE CAN'T, BOY.
HER PSYCHE IS TRAPPED INSIDE MY OUROBOROS* PROGRAM. SHE'LL WANDER THE LABYRINTH OF HER KARMA--FOR ETERNITY!
EARZARLD!

*NOVA'S PROGRAM--NAMED AFTER THE SYMBOL OF DISINTEGRATION AND REINTEGRATION. THE SERPENT SWALLOWING ITS OWN TAIL--CAN MANIPULATE ALITA'S MEMORIES AND SUBCONSCIOUS

YES, MASTER !
PUM PUM
DELICIOUS !
HMM...
THE FLAN OF VICTORY!
NOW...
I FLED TIPHARES TO ACQUIRE THE FREEDOM I NEEDED TO RUN MY EXPERIMENTS
WHAT REASON IS THERE FOR ME TO GO BACK THERE, MR. BIGOTT?

I WASN'T PERMITTED TO EXPERIMENT ON HUMANS...
...AND THERE IS THE MATTER OF THAT PESKY LAW BARRING TIPHAREANS WHO HAVE TOUCHED THE SURFACE FROM EVER RETURNING.
CORRECT, BUT CENTRAL COMPUTER MELCHIZEDEK...
...AS WELL AS THE "LADDER," HAVE AGREED
OH, HO...!
THE OUTER ATMOSPHERE COUNCIL *LADDER*...!
AH, AH, AH! EVEN *THE LADDER*...
...CAN NO LONGER DENY MY BRILLIANCE...
KYAHA-HAHAHA!
HOW JOYOUS!
SLURP
LURK
LURK
.....
I'VE NO INTEREST IN TIPHARES, BUT IF *THE LADDER* IS INVOLVED, THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY!
I SHALL RETURN!

A WISE DECISION
BUT FIRST, I HAVE A LOT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF...
BARZARLD!
YES, MASTER!
klakka klakka
ONN...
YOU'RE ALITA'S SUPERIOR! WHY BETRAY HER!?
....
AND WHERE'S LOU!?
I'M SORRY, ALITA I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO SAVE YOU I--I CAN'T TAKE THIS HELPLESSNESS
I--I'LL BITE MY TONGUE... KILL MYSELF...!
CALM YOURSELF KAOS
ZREEEEN
JUST LIE STILL--AND WATCH ME TAKE ALITA APART.
YAAAA YAAAA

KRAWHAM
YAAAAAAAAAAAY
bup
SKREK
WHOOO

YAAAAAAAAA
YOUR CHI IS WEAK!
THAT'S WHY A REPLICA WAS ABLE TO BEAT YOU!
SHWSSH
GRR...
I DIDN'T--
--LOSE
tish
tosh
KANG
KANG
BETTER!

STEEL !
KRAK
KRAK
MUST BE LIKE STEEL!
I'M A CYBORG, DAMN IT!
SKRUK
SKOOOSSSH
wuk
I LIVE ON THE BORDER BETWEEN FLESH AND STEEL!
SLASH

Tang ang ang
THE ONLY THING I HAVE...
...IS MY PANZER KUNST!
THAT'S ALL...
...OR IS IT?
GROOUR!
KUMP
SHAH

SHUMP
KAKAPAK
UNGH!
H-HE'S TOO. STRONG!
BWAM
I CAN'T... BEAT HIM!
YOU'RE THE STRONGEST MAN EVER, JASHUGAN...!
UK KUK SKUK

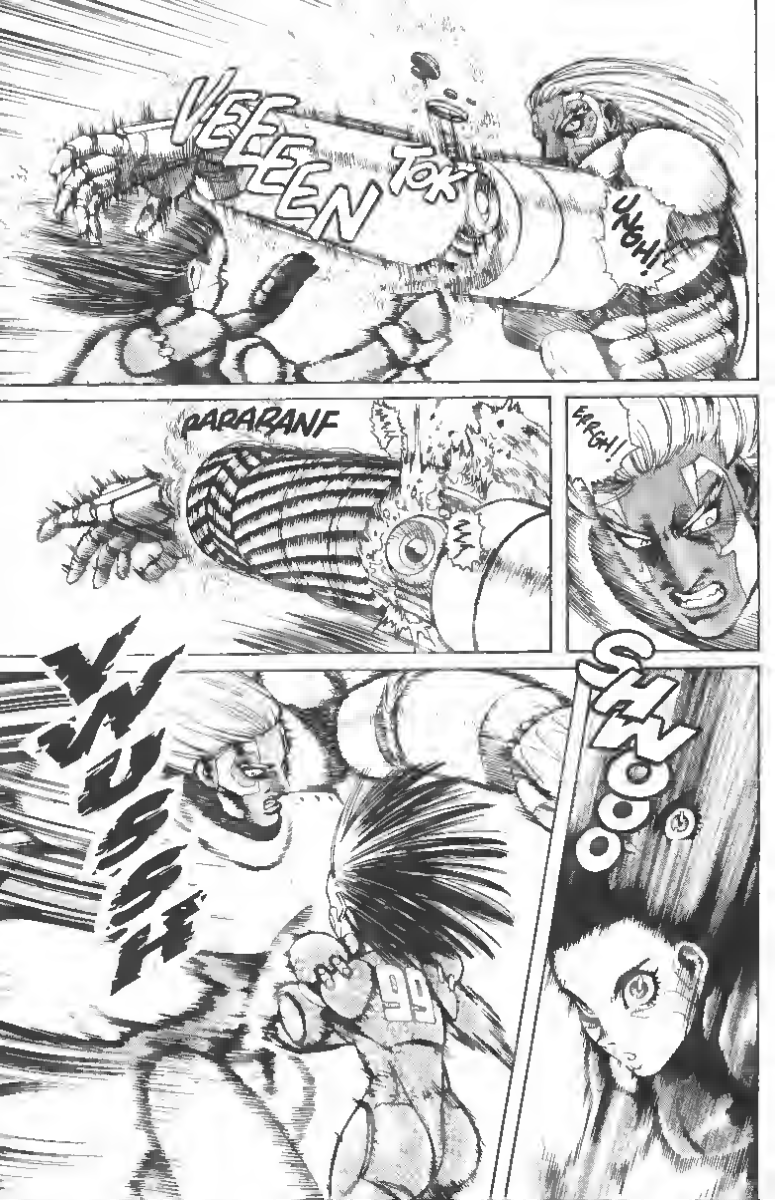
STAND UP, ALITA!
I HAVE NOT BEGUN TO ATTAIN THE ULTIMATE LEVELS!
ALL I HAVE DONE IS COME TO GRIPS WITH MY OWN LIMITS...!
HUMANS HAVE LIMITATIONS!
AND THE PURPOSE OF BATTLE--
--IS TO ATTAIN THE GREATEST HEIGHTS WITHIN YOUR OWN LIMITS!
DOUBT!
WONDER!
THAT IS WHERE YOU FIND YOUR PATH!

I--I SEE...
IF I STOPPED DOUBTING MYSELF...
...THEN I'D BE THE SAME AS A ROBOT.
I HAVE TO FIGHT WITH WHAT I HAVE!
SLASH
SLASH

COME, ALITA!
VROOOM
GIVE ALL OF YOUR BODY, MIND, AND SOUL TO THIS BATTLE!
Tch
Tch
FSSSH

SHA
BWOOSH
THE SIDE-WINDER...!
BWABWABOOSH
DON'T STOP!
STEP IN!
SKEESH

GRR OUR!
MMM
CRAK
I--I SEE IT!
SKA TOOK

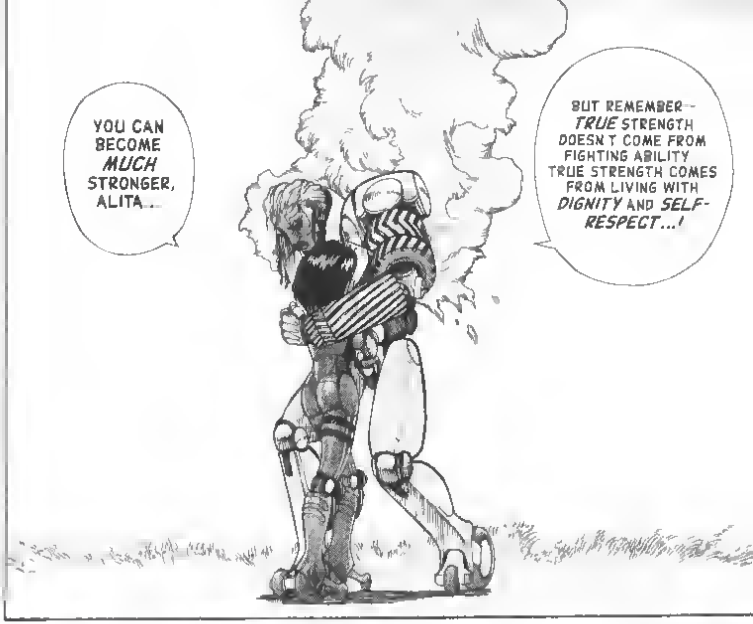

VEEEEN
TOK
UNOH!
RARARANF
BARGH!
SHOOO
WUSSH

WADDA
SKEEN
!

SLASH
AARGH!
AAAAH
AAAH
AAH

SKWANG

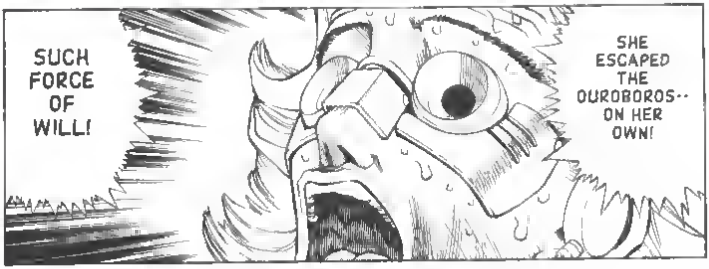
TONK
I--I GOT HIM--!?
UFF
HFF
STRF
!
MAGNIFICENT !


YOU CAN BECOME *MUCH* STRONGER, ALITA...
BUT REMEMBER - *TRUE* STRENGTH DOESN'T COME FROM FIGHTING ABILITY TRUE STRENGTH COMES FROM LIVING WITH *DIGNITY* AND *SELF-RESPECT*...!

LIVE ON, ALITA.
ASPIRE TO REACH HEIGHTS I WAS UNABLE TO ATTAIN..!

JASHUGAN !
ZZZZZ!

IMPOSSIBLE !
!?
AH!
GET
AWAY
AAHH!
ALITA !?



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